

**VISIT COLORADO SPRINGS (VCOS)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Michelle Talarico, Chair  
Megan Leatham, Vice-Chair  
Marisa Wigglesworth, Treasurer  
Ed Okvath, Secretary  
Dani Bolling  
Curtis Bova via phone  
Scott Flexman  
Torie Giffin  
Christina Haywood  
Crystal LaTier  
David Leinweber  
Wendy McHenry  
Lisa Neener  
Jenny Sherman  
Dan Leclerc

**Board Members Absent:**

Jen Furda  
Alex Kovaks  
Dr. Cary Snow

**VCOS Staff:**

Doug Price  
Amy Long  
Peggy Manter  
April Perez  
Alexea Veneracion  
Melissa Williams  
Dina Worthen

**Chair - Michelle Talarico**

- The meeting began with an executive session that started at 8:00 am and ended at 8:36 am. Meeting was called to order at 8:36am. Michelle welcomed all and began by introducing the two board candidates whose resumes were included in the board packet. Samantha Wood and Dave Namesik. Both gave a brief hello and bio.
- Michelle then asked the board if she could get a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting and the special November meeting as well. The motion was made by Megan Leatham and seconded by Wendy McHenry to accept both sets of minutes as presented (with one update made previous to the meeting), and the motion passed unanimously. Michelle asked for a motion to approve the board candidates Dave Namesnik and Samantha Wood, motion was made by Jenny Sherman and seconded by Ed Okvath to name them as new board member and the motion passed unanimously. She asked for a motion to accept the governance committee's slate recommendation to continue with the same officers in 2026: Michelle Talarico (chair), Megan Latham (vice chair), Ed Okvath (secretary) and Marissa Wigglesworth (treasurer). The motion was made by Scott Flexman and seconded by David Leinweber and the motion passed unanimously.

**President/CEO – Doug Price**

- The ballot item for an excise tax in Manitou was rejected by the voters, 56% no and 44% yes. The council is considering using Visit Manitou Springs' funding to help cover the shortfall, and Doug plans to go back to a city council meeting to advocate for Visit Manitou Springs retaining their funding.
- Doug reminded the board that our Holiday open house is Dec 11., from 3-6pm.
- Doug has a meeting today with the CTO, Michelin and involved cities on communication strategies.
- There will be a joint board happy hour with Visit COS and the Sports Corp at the Brit Pub on January 8.
- Desert Harvest is now exploring a lease buy out. He was asked if Visit COS had legal assistance and Doug explained that Khale, our property manager from Dominion properties, has guided many landlords through the process and is guiding us through this.