



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission to Begin Prayer at Open Meetings

(Phoenix) At the first Open Meeting of the year, the Corporation Commission began new traditions including adding time for a brief prayer to start the meeting. The prayer was offered by newly elected Commissioner Boyd Dunn.

“It is not uncommon for government bodies to have time for prayer,” said Chairman Tom Forese. “I believe prayer in any form encompasses all faiths and beliefs. This offers a welcome to the public and affirms our diligence to act in good faith for all our citizens.”

The prayer will be given at the start of each Open Meeting by a member of the community or government leader just before the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to the prayer, the Chairman is inviting a special guest each meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Newly elected State Senator and retired Marine Sonny Borrelli performed the honors at today’s Open Meeting. Borrelli served in the Arizona House of Representatives representing District 5 since 2013 and was recently elected to the State Senate in November to represent District 5.

“This is the perfect blend of dedication to God and Country,” said Forese.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>