

Julie Cieniawski (Si-now-ski) is a Minnesota native and first-generation college graduate, earning both her Bachelor of Science and Masters in Education degrees from the University of Minnesota. She has been an advocate for the well-being of children and their families in our communities since she began her career as a public-school educator in 1986. Her service to our community consists of many assorted leadership roles. These include: President of the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board, current vice-chair of the Family Promise of Greater Phoenix Board of Directors (addressing issues of family homelessness), and serving 6 years on the Arizona Education Association Board of Directors. She prides herself on being able to make tough decisions while ensuring her fiduciary responsibilities.

Julie spent many years teaching her middle school students about civics and the importance of finding collective solutions to problems in our communities. She whole heartedly believes local governance is the fabric of basic democracy and sees this oversight as a checks and balance to the important work imparted on our government. As the next BOS2 nominee, she will work hard to secure integrity of our elections and respect your rights to a private vote, cast without inconvenience or discrimination. Julie will support measured planning of community development and affordable housing ventures, ensure our county health system is properly addressing the needs of our citizen, that our resources and county parks are protected for enjoyment by many future generations to come, and that all residents feel safe and respected in our communities.

Julie understands and values the roles board governance play in oversight and will represent our community, with pride, dignity, and respect for members of our community. She and her husband, Brian, have raised their two young adult children in Scottsdale and are proud to call this community home. Julie is a person of high integrity, a thoughtful decision-maker, believes that those most impacted by decisions should have input in the process, and remains future-focused in solving the problems of our evolving society.

*Accolades include: The Mesa Schools Pupil Personnel Service Award, Scottsdale Charros Teacher of the Year, Scottsdale Foundation Quest for the Best Star recognition in Civic Leadership award, and Secular Az. Secular Champion Star award.