



Golden Valley Fire District

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Golden Valley Fire District met in regular session on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting was held at the Golden Valley Fire District Public Safety Training Center, located at 423 South Colorado Road, Golden Valley, AZ 86413. The public will have physical access to the meeting place at 8:45 a.m. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the district's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman DeMaio called the meeting to order at approximately 9:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Chairman Tony DeMaio, Clerk Sue Foster, Director Gary Juneau and Director George Payntar were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. January 2026 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated that there is no report for January due to the new reporting system is not set up yet to provide those reports; hopes to have a report for next month.
- B. Fire Chief's Report. *The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is described in detail. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. (A.R.S. 38-431.02. K)*
 - Properties – Chief Martin
 - PSTC – Ice machine out of service, failure of heat exchanger; toilet was fixed
 - Tower – 66 Cable brought out equipment and put the pipe across the driveway and can now start running cable
 - Equipment – Chief Martin

- Command 102 had a power steering pump failure; replaced the power steering pump and steering stabilizer
- Attack 135 new engine was installed and started overheating; engine is under warranty; EVR is talking with the engine company and working with their diesel team to fix the issue
- Engine 121 thermostat was sticking causing overheating; moisture was found in the turbo; we may have to purchase a new turbo
- Training – Chief Cunningham
 - VFIS driver instructor training February 27 & 28, 2026; one person from GVFD in the class
- Meetings – Chief Martin
 - Mohave County Officers Meeting, Prehospital Care Committee, and Prebuild for Love's Truck Stop
- Projects in the works – Chief Martin
 - We did not get the Community Block Grant for the generator at the PTSC; we'll keep trying
- Thank you to Jeff and Gayle Erskine for a \$50 gift card to Great American Pizza
- Anniversaries – Chief Cunningham
 - Firefighter Chandler Duncan – 1 year

6. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for personnel matters; consideration of and interviews with persons interested in filling the two vacant seats on the Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors.
- Clerk Foster motioned to enter into executive session. Chairman DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor.

The executive session began at approximately 9:16 am.

The public session reconvened at approximately 9:47 am.

7. BUSINESS. *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of January 2026 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of January that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$1,302,953.92; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$14,596.17; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$640,005.15. Revenue \$221,568.23 and Expenses \$451,615.42.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to approve the January 2026 financial reports as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion only: Review attorney invoice. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger reviewed the invoice from Nicholas Cornelius in the amount of \$199.50 for audit and human resource matters.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Appointment to the Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors to take effect March 1, 2026 with a term ending on November 30, 2026; approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
- No action taken
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Appointment to the Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors to take effect March 1, 2026 with a term ending on November 30, 2028; approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
- Chairman DeMaio stated that we had two very good candidates for the board; they were advised that only one will be chosen today for the three-year term ending 2028; further action for the other board seat will be taken care of in appropriate fashion.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to appoint Pamela Perata. Director Juneau 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Chairman DeMaio thanked both applicants for coming in and told the applicant that was not chosen for this seat will be asked to come back when the board has the meeting to fill the other seat.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Remove check signers George Payntar and Butch Meriwether from National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank warrant account #6156590. (Administration)
- Director Juneau motioned to remove George Payntar and Butch Meriwether from National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank warrant account #6156590. Chairman DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval to surplus the following vehicles: 2008 Ford F550 Attack Unit, 1996 Freightliner Water Tender, and 2002 Ford F450 Brush Truck; approval of resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that the 2008 Ford is out of service and belonged to GVFD the other vehicles were from Yucca and currently in service. Our plan is to switch them out once all our attacks are back and in service.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the surplus as listed and approve the resolution. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Chairman to appoint citizen(s) to the PSPRS Local Board. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindleberger stated that there are two open seats on the board that need to be filled, these seats were filled by citizens that live in the district; it's a five-member board. Tonia Sakusky and Steve Kitter have offered to sit on the PSPRS Local Board. We do not need a vote just an appointment.
 - Chairman DeMaio appointed Tonia Sakusky and Steve Kitter to the PSPRS Local Board.
- H. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** *Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Golden Valley Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed*

to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.

- Chief Cunningham thanked Director George Payntar for his service to the board and district and he'll be missed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Tonia Sakusky
(This is a working draft until board approval)

Date: 02/25/2026

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved:

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