



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, August 26, 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 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Chairman Tony DeMaio, Clerk Sue Foster, Director Gary Juneau, Director Pamela Perata and Director Connie Allen were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2026

- Clerk Foster motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. July 2026 Operational Report. (Chief Martin)

- Chief Martin reported that there was a total of 329 calls; 26 fire and 211 EMS/rescue.

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

- Station 13 – The new HVAC was installed
- Station 16 – All repairs from the semi-truck that hit the support have been completed; the door sensors were replaced and the motor home has been removed from the property.
- PSTC – Toilets have been repaired and the concrete patch work is completed.

- Equipment
 - Rescue 11 had an issue of shorting out; currently fixed
 - C 101 is currently in the shop for loss of power and performance issues
 - Battalion 1 went in the shop for a fuse control modular and the key ignition modular; is currently at Martin Swanty.
 - Attack 115 had a new tire put on due to hole too close to sidewall to repair
 - Attack 165 got new seat covers and there was an electrical issue on the right door which is currently fixed, found out it was a bad fuse.
 - Attack 125 rear brakes were put on with rotors
 - Brush Truck 176 had fuel pump replaced
 - Engine 112 fuel shut off cable needed to be replaced
 - Engine 121 is back in service
 - Engine 131 is out of service, the cab lift motor needs to be replaced
 - Engine 111 had a leak in the ac line and an annual service
 - Training
 - July training hours were 73
 - Meetings attended – Prehospital Care, Mohave County Officers, Annual Mohave County Flood District, Monthly Chiefs Meeting, AMR and had a plan review meeting with Angel Homes and Valley Pioneer Water
 - Projects in the works
 - Working on getting an estimate on an AC system for the PSTC bay and 2 swamp coolers at Station 11; also, can move forward relocating the repeater to the PSTC. We also received orders for wildland deployment and crew will be headed to New Mexico; also Embark Truck Driving School is no longer here.
 - Anniversaries
 - Engineer Keynon Martin – 8 years.
6. **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 July 2026 financial reports.
(Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of July that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$834,332.57; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$81,135.71; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$653,083.47. Revenue \$191,297.15 and Expenses \$550,050.92. Comptroller Kindelberger stated the reason for such a high expense is due to three payrolls, contracts came due and vehicle repairs.
 - Director Allen motioned to approve the July 2026 financial reports as presented. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Present 30-day letter of intent to cancel the Golden Valley Fire District Volunteer Firefighter Alternate Pension & Benefit Plan to the GVFD Volunteer Pension Board. (Cunningham)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that this is the first process, reached out to the attorney for review of the plan documents. The governing board needs to notify the volunteer pension board the intent to cancel. This will be coming back to the governing board in

October; the volunteer pension board will need to meet a few times. The volunteer pension board will not dissolve until all the funds are dispensed; which lead to a discussion on the process. This process is going to take about 6 months to terminate the plan.

- Clerk Foster motioned to approve the 30-day letter of intent to cancel the volunteer firefighter alternative pension and benefit plan to the GVFD volunteer pension board.

Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of the 2024 International Fire Codes and resolution of the same. (Martin)

- Chief Martin Chief Martin stated that Arizona State Fire Marshals office has adopted the 2024 International Fire Code. There is a resolution the needs to be signed stating that we are moving from the 2018 codes to the 2024 codes.
 - Director Juneau motioned to adopt the 2024 International Fire Codes and resolution of the same. Director Allen 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Suggestions for an annual Firefighter Appreciation Day. (Allen)

- Director Allen addressed the board that she would like to do something really nice to show appreciation to our firefighters; whether it is a luncheon or dinner. She thinks it's important that the board does something. Director Allen has spoken with the Chiefs and came to conclusion that the training center would be a good location for a gathering when the crews have their shift training. Chairman DeMaio noted that there is a firefighter appreciation day and week; doing it through the entire week would make it easier for reaching out to each shift.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned that the governing board move forward with annual firefighters appreciation day and work with staff to make it happen. Director Allen 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise pay scale to add positions for wildland firefighter and support paid on call (POC); restrict 10% retirement stipend for PSPRS return to work. (Cunningham)

- Chief Martin noted that we have a few POCs that wanted to be volunteers but the program is going away. We have a person that wants to be a Support POC through the pay schedule; the pay scale we have currently lists POC for EMT Firefighter etc. but not support. The support POC will be set to the Arizona minimum wage which is updated every January. Our wildland firefighters are paid off the Arizona Department of Forestry rate; so, we want to add that to our pay scale. That rate is updated every two years. The retirement stipend on our pay schedule currently says they cannot be a member of PSPRS; we have two people in the drop now and a few coming up for retirement, if any of them decide to come back to work then they are not considered in PSPRS anymore and Chief feels we already paid for their retirement and shouldn't get the retirement stipend.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approved to revise the pay scale to add positions for wildland firefighter and support paid on call; also, to restrict 10% retirement stipend for PSPRS return to work. Clerk Foster 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

7. 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 Martin noted that there is an upcoming event on September 19, 2026 for the safety fair; the staff will be posting a public notice for board member attendance that it is not for official business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned meeting at 9:42 a.m.

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

Date: 08/27/2026

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: