



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026
Meeting Time: 4:30 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Board Members in Attendance

Chairman Castaneda
 Director Goss
 Clerk Bren
 Director Neilson

Staff in Attendance

Chief Delfs
 Lorrie Palmquist
 Asst Chief Klein

Others in Attendance

Counsel Wencker

Absent/Excused

Vice-Chairman Armendarez

Many family members were in attendance for the badge pinnings.

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL

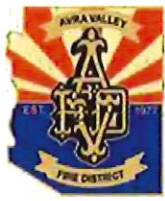
PRESENTATION OF TWO CITIZEN AWARDS

BADGE PINNINGS

Battalion Chief Jason Bowden
 Captain Seth Merz
 Captain Hayden Seitz
 Firefighter Miguel Ramirez
 Firefighter Luke Leon
 Firefighter Mariana Moreno

Chief Delfs extended welcome to all those in attendance, offering thanks to the families for their support and sacrifice.

Chief Delfs presented two citizen awards to Kyle and Jennifer Campbell. He explained that Citizen Awards are given for acts of heroic service in emergency situations. Firefighter Campbell and his wife assisted with a motor vehicle accident within our District on December 29, 2025. The Campbell's were on their way to the hospital to evaluate Jennifer's arm for a possible fracture when they stopped to render aid. Firefighter Campbell conducted an initial assessment and called for helicopter response, while his wife provided emotional support for the accident victim's wife, as well as providing assistance to the police in their search for any additional patients. Chief Delfs expressed sincere gratitude for their selfless actions and compassion for the community.



Next, Chief Delfs issued the Oath of Office to the District's three new firefighters, Miguel Ramirez, Luke Leon and Mariana Moreno. The Chief stated that the title of Firefighter is earned daily, not just today. Family members pinned their badges.

Paramedic Seth Merz and Firefighter Hayden Seitz were promoted to Captain. The Chief stated that this is a significant step and represents the line between District goals and execution of those goals on the street. He stressed that Captain's are responsible for their entire crew. He expressed congratulations. Family members pinned the badges.

Captain Jason Bowden was promoted to Battalion Chief. The Chief stated that this role requires a step from tactical to strategic command. This role requires focus, consistency in performance, integrity, clarity in judgment and is a momentous milestone. Mrs. Bowden pinned the badge for Battalion Chief Bowden.

The Chairman expressed thanks to all the personnel and their families. He called for a short break so that families could take photos. The meeting came back to order at 5:07 PM.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE NONE

7. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2026**

Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the Minutes from the regular meeting held on January 22, 2026. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

8. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire Chief may update the Board on items of interest relating to but not limited to the following: fire suppression, EMS and wildland services, response times, vehicles, facilities, labor relations, personnel, finance, grants, communications and/or training. Alternatively, the Fire Chief may provide written comments in the Board member's packets or by email. The Board members may ask clarifying questions and they may direct the Chief to place items on future agendas for further discussion or action.

The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:

- Another medic has resigned. Districts are having a hard time finding medics. So, today we put out a flyer which will allow medics who work for other agencies to do a lateral transfer. Brief discussion ensued.
- The District's bond rating has recently been upgraded. Moody's stated, "The A1 issuer rating reflects the District's strong financial reserves and conservative budgeting practices."
- Chief Klein provided response data. Clerk Bren inquired about the thirty-minute response to a couple of calls. Chief Klein explained that the time was due to the condition of the dirt roads, but that we still met our CON times.
- Our Fleet Manager was unable to leave this week to pick up our new Type 1 due to the fact that too many trucks are out of service. Our new engine is ready and will be here soon.



9. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW**

Director Goss motioned to approve the January 2026 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Clerk Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

10. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW THE FY26 BUDGET AND RECLASSIFY AUTHORIZED BUDGET AMOUNTS FROM THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM INTO SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED**

Clerk Bren motioned to authorize the budget reclassifications as identified. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

11. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-001 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THREE POINTS FIRE DISTRICT CONCERNING BACKUP SUPPORT FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Chief Delfs explained that our District currently has an IGA with both Golder Ranch Fire District and Northwest Fire District. We now have Avra units which cover in the Three Points area and vice versa. We need an IGA in place with Three Points Fire District so that we can bill for services provided in their area. Their Fire Board has been asked to do the same. Counsel Wencker has reviewed both documents. Director Goss motioned to approve Resolution 2026-001 authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Three Points Fire District concerning backup support for ambulance transportation services. Clerk Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

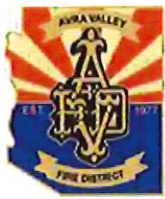
12. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-002 REAFFIRMING THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22593 E SASCO ROAD, RED ROCK, AZ, 85145, INTO THE AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Chief Delfs requested that this item be tabled until the District obtains more information from the property owner

13. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO REPLACE THE WATER STORAGE TANKS AT STATION 193**

Chief Delfs provided three bids in the Board packets. The Chief stated that he recommends obtaining one new tank to replace the old, leaking tanks currently on the property. Discussion ensued regarding the bids. Counsel Wencker cautioned that if the Board determines that the existing tanks have no value and wishes to dispose of the tanks and avoid cost of having to dispose of them, a member of the public could dispose of the tanks since they cannot be resold for value.

Director Bren motioned for the Board to direct the Fire Chief to dispose of the tanks in a way that will cost nothing to the District, provided that he determines they are of no economic value. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.* Director Bren then motioned to enter into an agreement for up to \$15,000, with the company that provided the lowest bid, to repair and replace the non-functioning system. The new system will store 5000 gallons of water for firefighting purposes. in a new tank. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0*



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14. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF NONE

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board may not discuss or take any action on topics presented for future agendas.

- Presentation of the FY25 Final Audit Report at the March meeting.

16. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be March 26, 2026.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Director Goss motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Bren seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Recording Off.



 SIGNED

3/26/2026

 DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

LUIS CASTANEDA, JR. THOMAS ARMENDAREZ CODY BREN ERIC NEILSON MICHELLE STARK-GOSS

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