

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 PM

**Location:** 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

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**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**

**3. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Chairman Castaneda  
Director Neilson  
Clerk Bren  
Director Goss

**Staff in Attendance**

Asst Chief Klein  
Lorrie Palmquist  
Chief Tharp

**Others in Attendance**

Counsel Wencker, by phone  
8 guests in attendance

**Absent/Excused**

Chief Delfs  
Director Armendarez

**4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL**

Chief Klein addressed the Board commenting that a badge pinning is a very special moment. The badge stands for service, sacrifice, courage and commitment. He noted that wearing the badge represents a responsibility to protect people on what may be the worst day of their life. After Chief Klein administered the Oath of Office, Firefighter Hughes fiancé pinned his badge. Chief Klein further encouraged the new firefighter to stay humble, work hard and remember that actions truly matter. Chairman Castaneda expressed thanks to Firefighter Hughes for his commitment and to his family for their support.

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

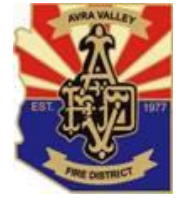
AFDA Conference July 13-16, 2026 Phoenix-Glendale Resort

**7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2026**

Director Goss motioned to adopt the Minutes from the regular meeting held on April 23, 2026. Clerk Bren 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.



Chief Klein highlighted the following items:

- The District recently received an upgraded bond rating from Standard & Poor.
- The new Type 1 engine has been placed in service

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

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

**10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY27 BUDGET INCLUDING THE TAX LEVY RATE OF \$3.75 AND THE BOND LEVY RATE OF \$ .53 AND DIRECT STAFF TO POST AS REQUIRED BY LAW IN PREPARATION FOR FINAL ADOPTION AT THE JUNE BOARD MEETING**

After very brief discussion, Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the Proposed FY27 Budget including the tax levy rate of \$3.75 and the bond levy rate of .53 cents and to direct staff to post the budget as required by law in preparation for the final adoption on June 25, 2026. Director Goss seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.**

**11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-02 ANNOUNCING AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION OF THREE BOARD MEMBERS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH PIMA AND PINAL COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2026 ELECTION**

Director Goss motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-02 announcing and authorizing the election of three Board members and authorizing staff to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Pima and Pinal Counties for the November 2026 election. Clerk Bren seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.**

**12. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF NONE**

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC HEARING AND FY27 BUDGET ADOPTION**  
 The Board may not discuss or take any action on topics presented for future agendas.

**14. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
 The date of the next Board meeting and annual Public Hearing will be June 25, 2026.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**  
 Director Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Goss seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.** Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.  
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 DATE

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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