Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO
with TeleCon Attendance Option Available

Call to Order:
The Regular meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call:
Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, John Piotti, Jonathan Sinclair and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Battalion Chief Kevin Skaer, Captain Todd Hebebrand, Lieutenants Doug Beeler and Steven Wantuck, EMS Coordinator Chirs Romano, EMS Specialist Matt Parker, Wildland Specialists Hannah Ohlson and Brandon McBride, Fuel Crew Lead Matthew Gerjol, Firefighter Medics Anthony Maurina and Craig Bifano, Engineers Jeremy Antemesaris and Joe Fava, Firefighters Chirs Cuculis, Daniel Breyer, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, Community Risk Reduction Meghan Layfield, Inspectors Natasha Schwartzkopff and Aaron Myers, People and Workplace Experience Business Partner Erin Mumma, Billing & Coding Specialist Martha Bird, Finance Director and Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

M/S/P Sinclair and Tolton to excuse the absence of Director Johnson.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Guests:
John Paul LeChevallier, Signing Director with CLA
Jay Nelson, Red White and Blue FPD Fire Chief and Fire Marshal
John Miller, Associate with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Approval of Agenda:
M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:
None

New Business:
Review/Consider Approval of the 2025 Summit Fire & EMS FPD Financial Audit
Finance Director Hartley and John Paul LeChevallier, Signing Director with CLA, presented the Final 2025 Audited Financial Report and accompanying footnotes to the Board. The auditors issued an unmodified (clean) opinion on the District’s financial statements. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in questions and discussion.

M/S/P Slivka and Tolton to approve the 2025 Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District Audited Financial Report as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Consent Agenda:
The following items were presented:
Minutes: March 17, 2026, Regular Board meeting, April 2, 2026, Special Board meeting, and April 13, 2026, Special Board meeting.
Warrants: March 14, 2026 – April 16, 2026
Financial Report for all funds – March 2026
After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Piotti and Sinclair to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Staff Reports:

Attorney: In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell provided an update on proposed and pending fire service related legislative bills that may have a future impact the District.

High Country Training Center: No updates beyond the written report.

Local 4528 Union Update: No written or verbal report this month.

Wildland: In addition to the written report, Wildland Specialist Ohlson reported and highlighted three items of note: Grant Award — The Wildland Division was awarded a $12,000 grant from the State of Colorado under the Timber Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation Industries Workforce Development Program. Funds will be used to support initial training costs for the three Wildland Specialists in their seasonal roles. Mitigation Contract — The Wildland Division executed its first mitigation work contract with the Town of Silverthorne to perform dead-only cut and removal across 6+ acres in the Blue River Corridor open space. Staff Development — Wildland Coordinator Iseminger successfully completed his Fire Boss taskbook sign-off during a three-week training at the Prescribed Fire Training Center.

Finance: In addition to the written report, Finance Director Hartley presented her written report and requested Board approval to serve as Beneficial Owner and Controller for the District during the transition from FirstBank to PNC Bank. This designation would authorize Director Hartley to establish PNC online banking credentials, manage delegate access, and enroll the District in PNC online products and services prior to the full conversion of District accounts from First Bank to PNC Bank.
Following Board discussion:

M/S/P Slivka and Sinclair to approve Finance Director Hartley as an authorized signer during the FirstBank-to-PNC transition, with the following financial controls in place:
- Authority is limited to the banking transition only;
- No check signing authority is granted;

- Interim Fire Chief Schenking will assume additional internal control responsibility, including monthly review of bank statements and reconciliations; and
- The Board will conduct enhanced review of District financials throughout the transition period.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Human Resources: No updates beyond the written report.

Community Resource Officer: In addition to the written report, CRO Lipsher reported that the District completed a five presentation Wildfire Preparedness public education series during the first two weeks of April, which were attended by a total of 497 community members. CRO Lipsher updated the Board that on April 26, 2026, the District will support a mock wildfire evacuation drill with residents of the Mesa Cortina neighborhood. Thanks went to Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Layfield and Wildland Specialist McBride for their support and help with this endeavor.

Community Risk Division: No updates beyond the written report.

EMS Services: No updates beyond the written report.

Operations: No updates beyond the written report.

Fire Chief and Admin Support Services: In addition to the written report, Interim Chief Schenking updated the Board on use of a new report style for updates to the Board. The Board agreed to the new report format and approved of its contents.

Board Comments

Director Piotti reported reviewing the entire 2025 Summit Fire & EMS Financial Audit and Footnotes report and is pleased with the "clean" audit opinion.

Executive Session:

M/S/P Tolton and Sinclair to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel regarding upcoming decision on proceeding with the Fire Chief hiring process.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Powell certified for the record that the Executive Session constitutes privileged attorney-client communications and would not be recorded. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:50 AM.

M/S/P Sinclair and Tolton to move out of Executive Session at 11:07 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 11:07 AM.

Following discussion, M/S/P Sinclair and Tolton to schedule a virtual special Board meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Adjournment:
M/S/P Sinclair and Tolton to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Approved this 19th day of May 2026.

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Mary Hartley
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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

Signed by:
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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.

Emily Powell, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to the topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President