

Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, May 5, 2025
0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO
TeleCon Attendance

Call to Order:

The special meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 8:30 AM.

Roll Call:

Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, Dan Johnson, John Piotti, Jonathan Sinclair, and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Fire Chief Travis Davis, Deputy Chiefs Brian Schenking and Rick Ihnken, Division Chief Lou Laurina, Battalion Chiefs Kevin Skaer and Ryan Cole, FF Medic Mike Williams, Engineer Mark Nielsen, Firefighter Aaron Baker, Wildland Specialist Hannah Ohlson, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, Inspector Amelia Kupperberg, HR Manager Karen Steen, Compensation and Benefits Specialist Erin Mumma, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, Board Secretary/Finance Director Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

Guests:

Michelle Ferguson, Attorney with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Approval of Agenda:

M/S/P Sinclair and Piotti to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Executive Session:

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel regarding the Fire Chief vacancy and path forward.

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 8:34 AM.

M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to move out of Executive Session at 9:04 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 9:05AM.

Discuss Fire Chief Vacancy – Path Forward:

Attorney Powell discussed the Board's options for moving forward, including hiring an internal candidate with no process other than posting the position and taking internal applications, or appointing an interim Fire Chief while conducting a new hiring process.

M/S/P Johnson and Sinclair to appoint an interim Fire Chief and begin another hiring process for a permanent Fire Chief.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

M/S/P Sinclair and Tolton to appoint Brian Schenking as the interim Fire Chief.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Powell then summarized the items that will be coming back to the Board for review and approval at the May 20, 2025 regular Board meeting, including a staff-proposed Fire Chief hiring timeline, start date for the interim Fire Chief position, proposal for acting pay for interim Fire Chief, suggestions for revamped hiring process, and any changes to the job description and job announcement that will be sent for legal review.

Update on Apparatus Purchase Agreements:

Emily Powell updated the Board on the Apparatus Purchase Agreements. The purchase agreements that were approved by the Board previously and signed off by Front Range Fire Apparatus (FRFA) stated that the performance bond was included in the purchase price. Consistent with past practices where the District has never had a performance bond, FRFA contacted the District to advise that the performance bonds cost is not included in the purchase price but is a separate price of approximately \$16,000 more. After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Sinclair and Johnson to keep the performance bonds in the Apparatus Purchase Agreements.

Vote: 4 yes and 1 no.

M/S/P Slivka and Sinclair to move to increase the cost of the apparatus purchase price to cover the performance bonds on the basis of mistake of fact.

Vote: 4 yes and 1 no.

Any Other Matter to Come Before the Board:

None

Board Member Comments:

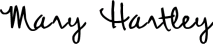
None

Adjournment:

M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

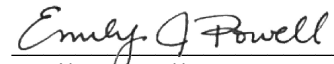
Approved this 20th day of May 2025.

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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

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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).

Signed by:


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Joe Ben Slivka, President