



La Paz Unified **Fire**-Medical District
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Serving: Quartzsite, La Paz Valley, Rainbow Acres, Vicksburg, Hope, Brenda, Harcuvar, Salome and Wenden -EST 2025



Board Meeting Minutes January 22, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to Order by Chairperson Susan Sewell at 6:pm.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated**
3. Roll Call: **Board Members present: Susan Sewell, Philip Cushman, TC Collier, Pam Wolfe-Brady and Travis Freedman. Staff Present: Kevin Hess and Will Aaron.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of Financials and Treasurer's Reports for the month of December: **Phil Cushman made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**
5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes: **TC Collier made a motion to approve the December 2025 Minutes, Phil Cushman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**
6. Assistant Chief's Report: **Discussion Only**
7. Discussion Possible Action, RE: Nominate/Appoint: Chairperson/Clerk for LUFMD 2026: **Phil Cushman made a motion to nominate Susan Sewell as Chairperson, Pam Wolfe Brady seconded and Susan Sewell was appointed as the Chairperson of LUFMD for 2026. Susan Sewell made a motion to nominate Philip Cushman as the Clerk of the Board of LUFMD, TC Collier seconded and Philip Cushman was appointed as the Clerk for 2026.**
8. Call to the Public: Those wishing to address the 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 due to restrictions under Open Meeting Law. However, individual Board Members may respond to criticism directed toward them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda: **None**
9. Discussion Possible Action, RE: Mitigation Rates for Fire Department Services: **Pam Wolfe- Brady made a motion to adopt the mitigation rates from Fire Recovery, Inc. which were used successfully by the original Fire Districts. Philip Cushman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

10. Discussion Possible Action, RE: Resolution #2026-22-01 Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered By/For the La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District: **TC Collier made a motion to discuss resolution #2026-22-01, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded. After some deliberation the Board decided to adopt the Resolution #2026-22-01 with the stipulation that item 11.1 be changed to reflect Arizona Law as opposed to California Law. Susan Sewell also made a motion to strike “Residents” from item #13 in the new client questionnaire and include “non-residents” only. Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded this motion, and it carried unanimously.**
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Liquidation by Government Auction: old 3300 car, 7741,7703, Crown Victoria. **TC Collier made a motion that the district hold a Government Auction to liquidate the unused apparatus described in item #11 above. Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**
12. Discussion Possible Action, RE: Resolution 2026-22-01-2: Approval of Out of District Billing rates: acceptance of Fire Recovery, Inc as our billing collections entity: **Since this item was improperly worded by Chief Kevin Hess, Philip Cushman suggested the signatory process be delayed until the February 19th meeting.**
13. Discussion Possible Action, RE: Authorize the Fire Chief to Pay Routine Operating Expenses up to \$10,000 per Purchase and Requiring Monthly Reporting: **Pam Wolfe-Brady made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to pay expenses between meetings, Phil Cushman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. This motion included Resolution # 2026-22-01-3, which also passed unanimously.**
14. Discussion Possible Action RE: Resolution 2026-22-01-3 Authorize the Fire Chief to Pay Routine Operating Expenses up to \$10,000 per Purchase and Requiring Monthly Reporting: **See Above**
15. Discussion Possible Action RE: Purchase of four full sets of turnout gear to provide personal protective equipment for our newest full-time firefighters: **TC Collier made a motion to purchase 4 sets of turnout gear from Redline Fire products to stay with the Veridian Brand presently used by LUFMD.**
16. Discussion Possible Action RE: Signatures for County Warrants **No Discussion was needed on this item as it is a procedural annual process required by the La Paz County Treasurer’s Office.**
17. Adjourn Meeting: **The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Susan Sewell at 6:57 pm.**

Susan Sewell, Chairperson

Philip Cushman, Clerk