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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:08 pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated.**
3. Roll Call: Board Members present: **Susan Sewell, Philip Cushman (Via Phone), Pam Wolfe-Brady, Travis Freedmen and TC Collier. Staff Present: W. Aaron. Legal Counsel: Tomas Montoya.**
4. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for the following items. **Board Member T.Freedman made the motion, Board Member P.Wolfe-Brady seconded. Executive session began at 6:10 pm.**
  - A. **Personnel matters**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), regarding the potential transition of the current Assistant Chief to **Interim Fire Chief**, including discussion of roles, responsibilities, and compensation.
  - B. **Legal advice**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), and **instructions to legal counsel**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4), regarding the Interim Fire Chief appointment, duties, and salary. **Executive session ended at 6:50 pm. No actions were taken in executive session.**
5. **Discussion / Possible Action** re: Resolution 2026-05-01: Transition of the current Assistant Chief to **Interim Fire Chief**, including approval of interim roles, responsibilities, and compensation. **The Board discussed the above resolution. Board Member TC Collier made a motion to appoint Assistant Chief Will Aaron to the Acting Fire Chief during the Fire Chief's extended absence exercising all powers and duties of the Fire Chief necessary for District operations with an annual compensation of \$32,500 paid bi-weekly in addition to his current salary. Board Clerk P.Cushman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
6. Adjourn Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell.

***The Budget Hearing will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at Station 33 in Quartzsite at 6:00pm.***

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Susan Sewell, Chair Person

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Philip Cushman, Clerk