



La Paz Unified **Fire**-Medical District
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Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **All in attendance participated.**
3. Roll Call: Board Members present: **Susan Sewell, Philip Cushman, Pam Wolfe-Brady, Travis Freedmen and TC Collier. Staff Present: K. Hess and W. Aaron. Public: Patti Rinehart.**
4. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Discussion/Possible Action re: Approval of Financials and Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2026. **Travis Freedman made a motion to accept the financials and minutes as prepared. Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**
 - B. Discussion/Possible Action re: Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes, and the corrected minutes of 1-22-2026, item #14 Resolution number 2026-22-01-3:
5. Assistant Chief's Report: **Discussion Only**
6. Call to the Public: **Patti Rinehart asked if she could present the board, or staff members with a list of budget concerns. She also wanted to know how she would be able to address the board during the meetings when she was out of town and called in on the conference call line.**
7. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for the following items. **Executive session began at 6:16**
 - A. Personnel matters, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) regarding the Fire Chief's Employment and the Fire Chief's Employment Contract.
 - B. Legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) regarding the Fire Chief's Employment and for instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding the Fire Chief's Employment Contract.

- C. Legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and for instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding a lease agreement with Saint Florian Fire and EMS Training. **Executive session ended at 7:26 pm.**
8. Discussion/Possible Action re: Fire Chief's Employment and Fire Chief's Employment Contract. **Philip Cushman made a motion to table the acceptance of the Chief's contract until after legal review. A special meeting was set for April the 28th at 6:00pm at Station 33. Travis Freedman seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.**
9. Discussion/Possible Action re: Lease Agreement with Saint Florian Fire and EMS Training. **Travis Freedman made a motion to table the lease agreement until more information was gathered and a formal agreement was drafted by the District's Attorney. No date was scheduled.**
10. Discussion/Possible Action re: Cooperative Agreement with AZ DFFM, State Wildland. **Pam Wolfe-Brady made a motion to approve the Cooperative agreement with DFFM (Arizona) Susan Sewell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
11. Adjourn Meeting: **The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell.**

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

Susan Sewell, Chair Person

Philip Cushman, Clerk