



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
Wednesday, September 23, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order. Called to order at 6:01pm by Chairperson Susan Sewell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All in attendance participated.
3. Roll Call. Susan Sewell, Philip Cushman, Pam Wolfe-Brady, Travis Freedman and TC Collier. Staff Present: W. Aaron, L. Collier, Legal Counsel: Bill Whittington (Phone).
4. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Discussion/ Possible Action re: Approval of Financials and Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2026.
 - B. Discussion/ Possible Action re: Approval of minutes for the meeting on 8-14-2026.
P.Cushman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. T.Freedman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business: Discussion/ Possible Action
 1. Fire Chief's Report: **Discussion Only**
6. **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. **County Assessor Kari Ann Noeltner addressed the board and stated she is trying to be more involved with local districts to build stronger relationships and offer help in any way that is needed. She also requested that the Fire District notify the county assessor when there are structure fires with potential property value impacts so their records can be adjusted. She also asked about the potential of the District providing fire reports. No further comments were made.**
7. **Discussion / Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action regarding the La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District Five-Year Strategic Plan, including review and acceptance of the tentative

strategic plan, goals, priorities, and implementation framework, and direction to staff to incorporate the approved concepts into a formal strategic plan document for presentation to the Board for future consideration and adoption. **The plan was presented by staff and discussed upon the board. Staff was instructed to make a couple of minor changes, then post on our website along with a couple of local news outlets for any public input. This will be brought back to a future meeting for final adoption. TC Collier made a motion to accept the plan as noted above. P.Cushman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

8. **Possible vote to go into Executive Session for the following item.**

A. 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) and to give instructions to the Governing Board's representatives pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) regarding fire training, potential future fire academies, and the potential use or lease of La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District facilities by outside entities. **The Board discussed future fire training, the potential use of Fire District facilities, and related legal considerations concerning the above-referenced matters. No action was taken.**

Discussion/ Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding future fire training and fire academy activities, including the potential use or lease of La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District facilities by outside entities. Possible approval of form of lease. The Board may provide direction to District staff and/or legal counsel regarding further evaluation, negotiations, development of proposed terms, agreements, facility-use requirements, or other actions related to future fire academy and training partnerships. **The Board discussed future fire training and fire academy activities, including the potential use or lease of District facilities by outside entities. Following discussion, the Board directed District staff to continue evaluating future fire training activities and related opportunities. No further action was taken, and the matter was tabled for future consideration.**

9. **Adjourn Meeting. Chairperson S.Sewell adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.**

The next scheduled board meeting will be October 22, 2026, at 18:00. McMullen Valley Chamber of Commerce, 66710 US Highway 60, Salome, AZ 85348.

Susan Sewell, Chairperson

Philip Cushman, Clerk