



La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District
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Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order: **Called to order at 6:00pm 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. W. Aaron, K. Hess were staff present.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of Financials and Treasurer's Reports for the month of January 2026: **Travis Freedman made a motion to approve the financials as prepared for January 2026. Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion carried by a majority vote.**
5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes: **Phil Cushman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2026, Travis Freedman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
6. Assistant Chief's Report: **Discussion Only**
7. Call to the Public: **Patti Rinehart enquired as to the November meetings reference to committees and the district's bylaws. She also asked "What is the name of the new district, is it like La Paz Fire Medical, or with an Ampersand or an Attaran, or what?"**
8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Possible approval of a District fee schedule and possible approval of Resolution No.2026-22-01 a Resolution 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: **Phil Cushman made a motion to approve the LUFMD Fee Schedule, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

9. Discussion and Possible Action, re: Possible approval of Fire Recovery, Inc as the District's billing collections entity: **Pam Wolfe-Brady made a motion to accept Fire Recovery as the District's billing entity, Phil Cushman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Resolution No. 2026-22-02, approving the use of the law firm of Boyle, Pecharich, Cline, Whittington & Stallings, PLLC, as legal counsel for the district: **Phil Cushman made a motion to retain the Law Firm: BPCWS, PLLC as the District's counsel, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
11. Discussion and Possible Action re: Resolution No. 2026-22-03 a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the La Paz Unified Fire Medical District declaring certain District property as surplus and authorizing its disposal by public auction: **Travis Freedman made a motion to accept resolution #2026-22-03, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
12. Discussion and Possible Action re: Liquidation by Government Auction: old 3300 car, 7741,7703, Crown Victoria. **Susan Sewell made a motion to place the unused apparatus on the Government Auction Website for liquidation, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
13. Discussion and Possible Action re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between La Paz Unified Fire-Medical District and the Town of Quartzsite for Quarterly Controlled Burn Services, of the community burn pile: **Phil Cushman made a motion that the district approach the Town of Quartzsite in an attempt to form an MOU for quarterly burning of the Town's Burn pile. Travis Freedman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
14. Discussion and Possible Action re: possible vote to go into executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)(3) and to give instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) re: Fire Chief's contract and the pending issues relating to document requests, possible conflict of interest; and an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for the possible evaluation of the Fire Chief's performance and to discuss terms of employment. **TC Collier made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:59 pm, Phil Cushman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
15. Discussion and Possible Action re: issues re: release of public record documents to the Attorney General's office: **Phil Cushman made a motion to release the public records requested by the Attorney General's Office, Pam Wolfe-Brady seconded and the motion carried.**

16. Discussion and Possible Action re: Fire Chief's contract: **Phil Cushman made a motion to accept the Fire Chief's Contract with the changes indicated by our Attorney, Mr. Whittington and Chairperson, Susan Sewell. TC Collier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

17. Adjourn Meeting: **The meeting was adjourned by Susan Sewell at 8:45pm.**

Susan Sewell, Chairperson

Philip Cushman, Clerk

The Next Meeting will be held at Desert Gold RV Resort at 46628 Hwy 60 in the Multipurpose Room at 6:00pm on March 19th