

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023, 10:00 AM**

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 24th day of May 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for a special meeting, at 2600 E Northern Avenue in Kingman, Arizona.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Bailey at 10:02 am.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board members present: Chairman Jim Bailey, Director Mike Collins, Director Tim Bonnee, Director Sue Brown, and Director John Bryant.
3. **POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may vote to go into executive session for legal advice from the attorney for the District regarding the Board's options regarding control, administration, and operations of the District, the Board's relationship with its Fire Chief, the Fire Chief's employment contract, and any proposals from the Fire Chief.

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C), executive sessions are confidential.

Director Bryant made motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Seconded by Chairman Bailey. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 10:03 am.

4. **POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), the Board may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consideration of the Fire Chief's employment which may include the Fire Chief's proposal as directed at the May 2, 2023 Board meeting.
  - A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C), executive sessions are confidential.
  - B. The Chairperson will confirm that Chief Hoke received at least 24 hour's notice of the possible executive session.

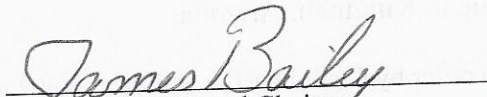
The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:29 am.

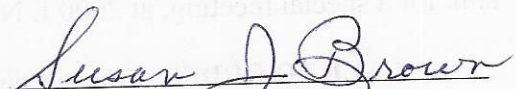
Chairman Bailey admonished the board that executive sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C).

5. **FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT/OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT.** The board discussed the proposal on how to fix the issues with the fire chief and the three options of opportunities that was given regarding the relationship with the fire chief provided from the Special Board Meeting on 05/02/2023. Chief Hoke provided actions to improve communications between the board and fire chief, as per requested by Director Collins. The board is questioning if this relationship will be able to move forward. They agreed on scheduling another special meeting for a follow up and a decision.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Collins. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Paris Schuman on May 24, 2023.

  
James Bailey, Board Chairman

  
Susan Brown, Board Clerk