

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023, 10:00 AM

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 31st 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 10:00 am.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board members present: Chairman Jim Bailey, Director Mike Collins, Director Sue Brown, Director John Bryant, and Director Tim Bonnee attended via zoom.
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 including establishing any process, schedule, and next steps.

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 Director Collins. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 10:01 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 11:16 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.** Director Bryant made motion to terminate the Chief's contract without cause. Seconded by Director Collins. Motion carried by majority vote with Chairman Bailey, Director Bryant, and Director Collins voting in favor, Director Brown voting against it, and Director Bonnee abstained. Director Collins made motion for Chairman to work with Assistant Chief Dallman and reach out to neighboring departments and Western Fire Chiefs as needed. Seconded by Director Bryant. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Collins. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Paris Schuman on May 31, 2023.


James Bailey, Board Chairman


Susan Brown, Board Clerk