

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 10:00 AM**

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 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, and Director John Bryant. Absent: Director Timothy Bonnee.
3. **POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE.** Pursuant To A.R.S. Sec. 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 Status Of Dennis Hoke's Termination, Severance, And Release And Waiver.

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

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.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:41 am.

4. **Dennis Hoke's Severance/Release & Waiver-** Regarding Dennis Hoke's Request for Bereavement Leave and Extension of Termination Date and Status of Release and Waiver Agreement. Director Bryant asked if Mr. Hoke was asking for 5 days of Bereavement while already on administrative leave, Chairman Bailey said yes. Director Collins motioned to deny the request of Dennis Hoke asking for 5 days of bereavement pay and extending out administrative leave, adding on that they are following Dennis' contract with what they are providing him and continue with original termination date. Chairman Bailey seconded. No additional discussion, passed unanimously. Motion carried.  
Chairman Bailey directed the district's attorney to follow up with the defense council on potential severance pay out for Dennis Hoke. The district attorney said that she would reach out and advised the board that she may need to set up a special meeting before the Regular meeting that will be held on July 20,2023 at 6:00pm for an update and guidance that may need to occur before then.
5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Collins. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Megan Dropulic on June 22,2023.

  
James Bailey, Board Chairman

  
Susan Brown, Board Clerk