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Pine-Strawberry Fire District

PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 29, 2026

- 1. Call to Order:** 1402 Hours (2:03 pm), 06/29/2026 by Chairman Robert Papke
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Robert Papke
- 3. Invocation:** By Carmen Wailes
- 4. Roll Call of Board Members:**
 - a. The following PSFD Board Members were present: Chairman Robert (Bob) Papke, Clerk David Burkhart, Bob Bennett, Melvin Palmer and Tina Trout.
 - b. Also Present: Carmen Wailes Administrative Manager and Capt. Paul Voakes PSFD. And PSFD Staff members from the Pine and Strawberry Stations.
 - c. On Zoom: None
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Fire Chief Selection Process.
"Note: Robert Papke stressed the importance of confidentiality related to the discussion of the Fire Chief selection."
 - (i)) The Board agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss a personal issue, the selection process for a Fire Chief at 14:05 hours (2:05 pm).
 - (ii) The Board came out of Executive Session at 15:25 hours (3:25 pm)
 - (iii) Tina Trout made the motion to accept the interview questions addressed in the executive session and that Carmen Wailes and Capt. Paul Voakes be on the interview committee as non-voting members. Bob Bennett 2nd the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
 - (iv) David Burkhart made the motion to approve the procedures for the Fire Chief's interviews and time limits established. Tina Trout 2nd the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- 6. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:**
 - a. Special Board meeting on Monday, 07/02/2026 at 0800 hours (8 am) at the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Station 41 Conference room, 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, Pine AZ.
 - (i) Agenda item Discussion, possible action and interviews of the Fire Chief applicants.
 - b. General Board meeting scheduled for Thurs. 07/23/2026 at 1500 Hours (3 pm), at the Pine-Strawberry Fire District Fire Station 41 Conference room, 6198 Hardscrabble Mesa Rd, Pine AZ.
 - (i) Agenda Items will include but not limited to;
 - (a) Agenda item include but not limited to: agenda and minutes of the 06/18/2026 meeting: 12 c, 13 b, 13 d(i),
 - (b) Bond Fuel Bruch Route Program.
 - (c) Discussion and possible action on selections of a permanent Fire Chief.
- 7. Adjournment:**
 - a. Melvin Palmer made a motion to adjourn, Bob Bennett 2nd the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourned at 15:32 Hours (3:52 pm).