



HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2026

Pursuant to ARS §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to members of the HFD Governing Board and to the public that the Governing Board will meet in Public Session on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM** in the Training Room of Station 21, 80 S. Walters Lane, Star Valley, AZ 85541. Members of the Fire Board and legal counsel may attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

To join the meeting via zoom: Meeting ID 864 986 5085.

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During this meeting, Board Members may ask questions about, discuss, consider, approve, and/or take possible action on any listed Agenda item and any variable related thereto unless specifically otherwise indicated (such as under Public Forum). HFD may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, on any agenda item pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the Fire District Attorney on the matter(s) set forth in the agenda. **All Agenda items are set for possible action.**

Public Input: Citizens may make oral comments on specific Agenda items or any topic relevant to District business during the public forum. Citizens may submit written comments of any length to the Fire Board. **Notice:** Public comment is encouraged, but it is important that everyone demonstrate the appropriate decorum, courtesy and respect during the meeting. Please treat your fellow citizens with courtesy. Outbursts, interruptions, and personal attacks will not be tolerated.

- AGENDA -

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

In accordance with ARS §38-431.02(K), the Board shall not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter unless that specific matter is properly identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of a report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date in the following summaries.

- A. **AWARDS & RECOGNITION:** Presentation to Wes Trayner. Years of service and birthday notifications and recognition awards
- B. **CHIEFS REPORT:** Chief Haugen to discuss recent activities including a statistic report, staffing report, wildland report, grant report, vehicle maintenance report, legislative report, response report, facilities report, special project report(s)
- C. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you letter

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **MARCH 2026:** Administrative Manager Lecher to review March financial reports including Year to Date.



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4. PUBLIC FORUM

Speakers are limited to a three-minute oral presentation and may submit written comments of any length for Board files. Board Members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the Agenda. Therefore, pursuant to ARS §38-43101(H), Board action taken as a result of public comment is limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the board to be routine (i.e. minutes and/or signatory authority or bank accounts) and will be enacted by a single motion approving the Consent Agenda. If discussion is desired on any particular consent item, a board member may ask that item be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026

B. RESOLUTION 2026-001 – Call for Election

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to review Resolution 2026-001 Call for Election for two board positions up for the November 3, 2026 election.

C. STATION 23 – Lease Agreement with Payson Water Company

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Payson Water Company has requested that the lease be reviewed.
2. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to review the lease and conditions that Payson Water Company propose to determine if they will renegotiate the lease or list the property for sale.

D. MEET & CONFER – Memorandum of Understanding for FY 2027

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to review the Memorandum of Understanding with the IAFF Local 4135 Hellsgate Chapter for fiscal year 2027.

E. BUDGET – Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review & Public Hearing

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to review the first draft of fiscal year 2027 budget.
2. Hearing: Public hearing open for public comment on proposed budget.
3. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to set date and time for a budget workshop

F. JOB POSTING FOR FIRE CHIEF – Website Issues

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to discuss the job posting for fire chief due to Hellsgate's website issues.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Angie Lecher, On behalf and with Permission of Board Clerk, John Jackson
John Jackson, Clerk of the Board

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A copy of the supplemental agenda materials provided to the Board Members (with exception of materials relating to executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the Districts Administrative Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Call (928)474-3835 to set an appointment to accommodate inspection.

Posted by: Angie Lecher

Date: 4/09/2026

Time: 5:00 PM



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~MINUTES~

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Hellsgate Fire District (HFD) was called to order by Chair Lamoureux at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Hellsgate Fire Department Station #21, 80 S. Walters Lane, Star Valley, Arizona. Administrative Manager Angie Lecher recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Present: Lisa Lamoureux – Chair; John Jackson – Clerk; Jamie Deters – Member; Blaine Fitzgibbons – Member; and Allison Lloyd – Member via zoom. Board Absent: None. Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Haugen; and Administrative Manager Angie Lecher – Recorder. Public Present: Wes and Jamie Trayner, John Wisner, Nick DeGroot and Sean Minniss; via zoom: Cris Lecher, Ilyas Sekandari, Kevin Barlay, Diego, Rick Alvarez, and Jason Williamson.

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Pledge of Allegiance led by all in attendance.

2. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Pursuant to ARS §38-431.02(K), the following reports and correspondence provided to the HFD Board of Directors.

A. CHIEFS REPORT

Fire Chief Randy Haugen presented the chief's report and discussed the following topics with the board: Calls for the year, staffing report, vehicle maintenance report, wildland report, legislative report, facilities report, grant report, and AMR posting report.

B. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Brodie Carr and Brandon French celebrated a birthdays in April; Nick DeGroot has his hireversaries with the district in April.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

AFDAT Notice and Thank you card was given to the board.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. MARCH 2026

Administrative Manager Angie Lecher presented an overview of the status of the FY2026 financial reports. Discussion regarding March and year to date for the fiscal year including income statement of revenue and expenditures, balance sheet, wildland report, and previous year comparisons.

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to approve the March 2026 financial reports as provided by Administrative Manager Lecher.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Fitzgibbons

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



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4. PUBLIC FORUM

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No comment.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Regular Minutes of March 18, 2026

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to approve the consent agenda items.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Jackson

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

B. RESOLUTION 2026-001 – Call for Election

1. Board reviewed Resolution 2026-001 – Call for Election so that the elections department can handle the two board positions up for election.

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to approve Resolution 2026-001 – Call for Election per A.R.S. §16-226.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Jackson

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

C. STATION 23 – Lease Agreement with Payson Water Company

1. Administrative Manager Lecher provided the board with a brief history of the property and why we were discussing the lease even though it is not up for renewal. Payson Water Company had several members of their operation in attendance via zoom and Mr. Alvarez also addressed the board regarding their wishes to improve the system and purchase the property.

MOTION by Clerk Jackson to allow Payson Water Company to pay for an appraisal of the two properties listed in the lease agreement to determine a sale price.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Deters

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

D. MEET & CONFER – Memorandum of Understanding for FY 2027

1. Board has the approved MOU in their packet. This item will be presented at next months meeting.

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to table the motion until next month.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Jackson

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



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E. BUDGET – Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review & Public Hearing

1. Board received a proposed budget with no proposed increases except renewal amounts for several items. Board reviewed this information with Fire Chief Haugen. The impact of the centrally assessed property reduction as well as other factors impacting next year was discussed. Board wishes to hold a budget workshop.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Chair Lamoureux opened the floor for public comment. John Wisner made a comment in regards to the forecasting in the next two years. Income is projecting a 4% increase but this year is at 2.54%. He cautioned the board to reevaluate the projections so that we don't get into an issue next year.

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to approve the tentative posting of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Deters

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to set a budget workshop meeting for May 14, 2026 at 3 PM

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Jackson

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

F. JOB POSTING FOR FIRE CHIEF – Website Issues

1. Board discussed the impact that the website being down could have had on the job posting for fire chief. Board has been contacted by someone saying that they can't apply. Discussion was had about extending the application period and how to facilitate this.

MOTION by Clerk Jackson to extend the posting period by one week to April 22, 2026.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Fitzgibbons

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Member Deters to move the scheduled budget workshop to May 7, 2026 at 3 PM.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Jackson

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Member Fitzgibbons to set the candidate interviews with the board for May 14, 2026 at 4 PM.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Deters

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

6. PUBLIC FORUM

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John Wisner commented that the new truck looks awesome and can't wait to see it.



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7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Lamoureux called for an adjournment.

MOTION by Chair Lamoureux to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION SECONDED by Member Deters

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Angie Lecher, Administrative Manager