



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA – FOR POSTING**



The Board of the Forest Lakes Fire District will meet in regular session on March 19, 2026 at 10:00 am. Due to the threat of inclement weather, board members will participate via video conference using Microsoft Teams. Board members will receive a meeting invite via Outlook. Chief Rodriguez will be at the Forest Lakes Fire District Office, 1508 North Merzville Rd., Forest Lakes, Arizona for members of the public who wish to attend in person. The meeting room will be available to the public via the south side Administration entrance at 10:00am. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items except those noted are set for possible action.

- 1 CALL TO ORDER. (Julie Swanson)
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE will be omitted due to remote nature of meeting.
- 3 ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS. (Sue Conrad, Dennis Massion, Israel Torres, Julie Swanson and Pete Batschelet)
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ACTIVITY REPORT (Julie) Shout out to Wanda Bernett whose 2nd anniversary was yesterday. We are glad to have her on our team!
- 5 CALL TO THE PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Consideration and discussion of comments from the public prior to the board taking action. Note: Comments may be limited to 3 minutes. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.
- 6 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 16, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (Julie)
- 7 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026. (Pete)
- 8 BUSINESS.
 - a. Finance committee update: Meeting was held March 3rd. Pete will report on the outcome.
 - b. Finance Committee Update, Including the FY24/25 Budget Preparation Process. (Pete)
 - c. STRAP Document and One Page Summary for Publication-almost finished and ready for publication next month .(Julie)
 - d. Status Update re: Grant Activities. (John Nelson, if present) Last month John stated that he and Michelle Stout are currently looking for grant opportunities, especially for acquiring new apparatus. He will apprise us of any new information.
 - e. Status Update re: Governmental Advocacy Committee. (Israel) The name of Rep. Willoughby was mentioned at the AFDA Conference as being a person who understands the FD's needs- the Board wonders if Israel confirms this impression?
 - f. Dennis has reviewed and simplified our district's leave policies and will present them.



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- 9 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT. (Chief Rodriquez)
 - a. Call volume.
 - b. Receivable collections
 - c. Other information of interest : Chief and John N. are meeting with Coco. Cnty. Re updating our computer.

- 10 CALL TO THE PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Consideration and discussion of comments from the public after the board takes action. Note: Comments may be limited to 3 minutes. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.

- 11 FIRE BOARD COMMENTS. Board members may identify issues they would like placed on a future agenda but may not propose action or express their opinions on such items.
[NOTE to those in attendance: The Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised or proposed for a future meeting due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.]

Reminder: next month's meeting will be held at the Fire Station April 18, 2026 at 10:00am.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT.