



NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA



The Board of the Forest Lakes Fire District will meet in regular session on May 16, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Forest Lakes Fire District Office, 1508 North Merzville Rd., Forest Lakes, Arizona. 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. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic or video conference. 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.
- 3 ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS. (Julie Swanson, Dennis Massion, Israel Torres, Sue Conrad and Pete Batschelet)
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ACTIVITY REPORT. (Julie)
- 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 APRIL 18, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (Julie)
- 7 REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL 2026. (Pete)
- 8 BUSINESS.
 - a. Finance Committee Presentation to the Public re: Proposed FY26/27 Budget and the FY27/28 Forecast. (Pete)
 - b. Board approved a raise in salary for Chief, in November 2025 to \$115,000 annually, to take effect on January 01, 2026.

There is still a question pending of additional compensation which was previously discussed last year, to be effective July 01, 2026. No vote was taken at the time. Discussion and possible vote. (?) Of note: Chief and Wanda are receiving additional compensation for the insurance premiums they are paying out of pocket.
 - c. The IGA contract with the City of Flagstaff (for dispatch services) is set to renew effective July 01, 2026 through June 30, 2030. Board members have been provided with copies of the contract. Board will review and vote to approve. (Julie)
 - d. Also on the table is a Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Consent to Joint Representation by our Attorney, Bill Whittington, for Gila County's Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Agreement. Board members have copies of the consent agreement. Board will review and vote to approve. (Julie)
 - e. The IGA contract with the Coconino County (for sheriff's office lease) is set to renew effective July 01, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Board members have been provided with copies of the contract. Board will review and vote to approve. (Julie)



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- f. Status Update re: Chief's Employment Contract, Which Expires June 30, 2026. (Julie)
 - g. Status Update re: Required Actions for Upcoming Board Member Elections. We have three potential vacancies on the Board; Dennis, Pete, Julie. Dennis has already indicated that he will not run for another term. Therefore, any interested party must declare as nominating petitions must be filed by July 06, 2026, upon advice of Clerk Torres. One or two possible candidates have been identified, but we have not received any definite notice of interest on their parts. If there are more candidates than openings on the board, we the board must make a resolution calling for ballot position in the consolidated election on Nov. 03, 2026 .(Julie)
 - h. Status Update re: Other Grant Activities. (John Nelson)
 - i. Status Update re: Governmental Advocacy Committee. (Israel)
- 9 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT. (Chief Rodriquez)
- Replacement batteries, recalibration and tune up of heart monitors and Power Load gurneys. Cost impact \$22,000
- Dino to report on Firewise updates and exploring drones for the department.
- 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.]
- 12 ADJOURNMENT.