

**Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO
with TeleCon Attendance Option Available**

Call to Order:

The Regular meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call:

Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, Dan Johnson, John Piotti, and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Deputy Chief Rick Ihnken, Interim Deputy Chief Lou Laurina, Interim Division Chief Ryan Grafmiller, Battalion Chiefs Ryan Cole, Aaron Kaltenbach and Kevin Skaer, Captain Matt Brewer, Lieutenant Talon Edwards, EMS Coordinator/Union President Chris Romano, Firefighters Aaron Baker, Jordyn Butler, and Zac Law, Wildland Coordinator Kyle Iseminger, Deputy Marshal Aaron Myers, Inspector Natasha Schwartzkopff, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Meghan Layfield, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, People and Workplace Experience Director Karen Steen, People and Workplace Experience Business Partner Erin Mumma, Admin & Tech Asst Dannie York, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, Billing & Coding Specialist Martha Bird, Finance Director and Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to excuse the absence of Director Sinclair.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Guests:

John Miller, Attorney with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Approval of Agenda:

M/S/P Piotti and Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of a property discussion under New Business Item C.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:

None

Consent Agenda:

The following items were presented:

Minutes: July 21, 2026 Regular Board meeting

Warrants: July 18, 2026 – August 14, 2026

Financial Report for all funds – July 2026

After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Finance Report

Finance Director Hartley reported on the July financials and updated the Board on the RFP For Banking Services. Finance Director Hartley also discussed investment diversification within the local government investment pools, 2027 Budget, and other items on the Finance Report.

Chief Report

Interim Fire Chief Schenking reported on the Chief's Report and stated that today is the kickoff for the Strategic Plan stakeholder meeting. The Strategic Plan is being led by ESCI and they started with an employee survey that will be distributed to the Board later this week.

New Business:

First Reading – SFE Fee Schedule Update

Interim Deputy Chief Laurina and Interim Division Chief Grafmiller reported on the proposed Fee Schedule changes for 2027. After discussion and questions, staff was directed to bring back an updated version of the 2027 proposed fee schedule for consideration of approval at the September Board meeting.

Consider Approval of USDA Forest Service Lease Agreement Extension for Station 14-Wilderness

Finance Director Hartley presented the updated USDA Forest Service Lease Agreement extension for Station 14 in Wilderness to run from October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2032. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to approve the USDA Forest Service Lease Agreement extension for Station 14 in Wilderness to run from October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2032, as presented.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Continued Business

Accreditation Board Training

Interim Fire Chief Schenking updated the Board on Category 2 of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International framework, which focuses on the foundational structures, leadership, and processes that ensure a fire and emergency services agency operates effectively, ethically, and in alignment with its mission.

Staff Reports:

Attorney: In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell updated the Board on legislative matters, noting that the 2027 legislative session will begin soon and that she hopes to see the Board members at the SDA Annual Conference in September. She also updated the Board on the firm's ongoing work developing AI best practices and guidelines for the District, including considerations of the use of AI in government processes.

High Country Training Center: In addition to the written report, Deputy Chief Ihnken reported that renovation is complete and training has taken place, with a planned nighttime training in the near future.

Local 4528 Union Update: Jordyn Butler shared that a gathering of the Local is coming up September 12, 2026 beginning at 11:00 am for BBQ and a kickball tournament. They hope all can attend.

Wildland: In addition to the written report, Wildland Coordinator Iseminger reported fire season is still going strongly.

Human Resources: Nothing in addition to the written report.

Operations: In addition to the written report, Deputy Chief Ihnken shared that activity within the County has picked up and calls have increased.

EMS: In addition to the written report, Acting Division Chief Grafmiller shared that the whole blood program includes rotating the blood carried by the District to the hospital so that it can be used prior to expiration.

Admin Support Services and Community Risk Division/Community Risk Reduction/Community Resource Officer: Nothing in addition to the written report.

Board Comments

Director Johnson shared that former Board member Linda St. John shared that the Station 12 siding and painting needs to be updated.

Executive Session:

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive advice of legal counsel and discuss matters subject to negotiation and instruct negotiators regarding the Fire Chief search process.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Powell certified for the record that the Executive Session constitutes privileged attorney-client communications and would not be recorded. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:28 AM.

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to move out of Executive Session at 11:15 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 11:16 AM.

Possible Action on Any Matter Discussed in Executive Session

Consider Resolution 2026-07 to establish the Fire Chief search committee and hiring process.
After questions and discussion;

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to approve Resolution 2026-07 to establish the Fire Chief search committee and hiring process as presented.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Adjournment:

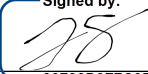
M/S/P Tolton and Piotti to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

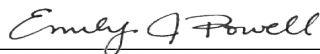
Approved this 15th day of September 2026.

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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.


Emily Powell, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to the topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President