Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 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 9:05 AM.

Roll Call:
Board Members present were Joe Ben Slivka, Dan Johnson, John Piotti, Jonathan Sinclair and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Deputy Chief Rick Ihnken, Division Chief Lou Laurina, Captain Ryan Grafmiller, Lieutenants Eric Paradis, Wildland Specialist Brandon McBride, Fuel Crew Lead Matthew Gerjol, Engineer Frank Tower, Firefighters Mark Piller and Jordyn Butler, Deputy Fire Marshal Jess Sawyer, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, Inspectors Aaron Myers, and Amelia Kupperberg, Admin Tech Ginger Hatton, People and Workplace Experience Director Karen Steen, People and Workplace Experience Business Partner Erin Mumma, Accounting Manager Jessica Fuller, Billing & Coding Specialist Martha Bird, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, Finance Director and Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

Guests:
Jay Nelson, Red White and Blue FPD Fire Chief and Fire Marshal
Jeff Nordeen, High Country Training Center Division Chief
John Miller, Associate with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC
Elizabeth Woodward, Director with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Approval of Agenda:
M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments:
None

Consent Agenda:
The following items were presented:
Minutes: January 20, 2026, Regular Board meeting, February 17, 2026, Regular Board meeting, February 19, 2026, Special Board meeting, and February 23, 2026, Special Borad meeting.
Warrants: January 17, 2026 – February 13, 2026
Financial Report for all funds – February 2026
After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

New Business:

Consider Approval of the Draft 2025 Annual Report

Community Resource Officer Lipsher presented the 2025 draft Annual Report to the Board. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to approve the 2025 Annual Report with minor revisions to be prepared after allowing for a week of feedback from the Board.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Continued Business:

Consider Resolution 2026-04 Adoption of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code – Attorney Powell and Red White and Blue FPD Chief Jay Nelson presented the proposed 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code to the Board. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Sinclair and Piotti to adopt the Resolution 2026-04, Adoption of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as presented.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Consideration of a Ballot Initiative to Remove Cap on Property Tax Revenue
Finance Director Hartley presented a summary analysis of three options for a potential ballot initiative to remove the 5.25% cap on property tax revenue. Following discussion, the Board directed Finance Director Hartley to prepare a 5–10 year analysis that includes the projected impact of the current 5.25% property tax cap and other applicable revenue restrictions, potential alternative revenue sources available to the District, and strategic options for the Board to ensure sustainable funding while maintaining a high level of service to the community.

Station 12 – Update on Purchase of the East Dillon Water District Property
Interim Chief Schenking provided an update on the closing of the East Dillon Water District property, updates on the existing Xcel easement, and outlined next steps. Attorney Powell advised that a Resolution is required to approve the land purchase and authorize signers, and requested that a special meeting be scheduled for Board consideration of the Resolution.

Station 11 Update on consideration to buy and sell the real estate from Vail Resorts -
Interim Chief Schenking and Attorney Elizabeth Woodward provided an update on ongoing discussions regarding the Station 11 property and surrounding land for fleet expansion. Following discussion, the Board directed Interim Chief Schenking to continue preliminary negotiations with Vail Resorts, and directed Attorney Woodward to explore whether a cap on Vail's legal and consulting fees could be established prior to proceeding with the transaction.

Director Sinclair left the Board meeting at 10:15 AM

Staff Reports:

Attorney: In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell reported working with staff on an amendment to the fire station lease agreement with Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District intended to simplify the overhead and maintenance payment processes and reduce administrative time.

High Country Training Center: In addition to the written report, Division Chief Nordeen shared that EMS Training Lieutenant Jones has started with the High Country Training Center, the annual audit was completed with a clean opinion, a new program, "Labs," will launch in May to support company officer engagement and supplemental training, and lastly the District's Inspector Aaron Meyers will conduct training on fire sprinklers and fire pumps.

Local 4528 Union Update: No written or verbal report this month.

Wildland: No updates beyond the written report.

Finance: No updates beyond the written report.

Human Resources: In addition to the written report, Workplace Experience Director Steen shared that the deadline for fire testing applications is being extended until the end of May to allow for a larger pool of candidates.

Community Resource Officer: In addition to the written report, CRO Lipsher reported that wildfire preparedness presentations will be held at each station in April. A mailer will be sent to District residents following the events, and one session will be recorded and published on the District website.

CRO Lipsher also discussed plans for a test evacuation in the Mesa Cortina neighborhood at the end of April. Attorney Powell is preparing a waiver for participants.

Community Risk Division: No updates beyond the written report.

EMS Services: No updates beyond the written report.

Operations: In addition to the written report, Lt Grafmiller shared that he, Battalion Chief Skaer and Deputy Chief Ihnken attended the annual Center for Public Safety Excellence conference in Orlando.

Fire Chief and Admin Support Services: In addition to the written report, Interim Chief Schenking shared that the District is undergoing its ISO review, which occurs every five years. The District's current goal is to maintain the 2/2X rating.

Board Comments
None

Adjournment:
M/S/P Piotti and Tolton to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Approved this 21st day of April 2026.

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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

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Joe Ben Slivka, Board President