Minutes
Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 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, Jonathan Sinclair and Chuck Tolton. Staff members in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Brian Schenking, Interim Deputy Chief Lou Laurina, Interim Division Chief Ryan Grafmiller, Captain Matt Brewer, Lieutenants Steve Wantuck and Eric Paradis, Wildland Coordinator Kyle Iseminger, Wildland Specialist Hannah Ohlson, Firefighters Aaron Baker and Jordyn Butler, Community Resource Officer Steve Lipsher, Accounting Manager Jessica Fuller, Staff Accountant Kori Fletcher, Billing & Coding Specialist Martha Bird, Finance Director and Board Secretary Mary Hartley, and Legal Counsel Emily Powell.

Guests:
John Miller, Associate with Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC
Jeff Nordeen, Division Chief of Training, Summit Fire Authority

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

Public Comments:
None

Badge/Oath Ceremony
Interim Fire Chief Schenking and Interim Deputy Chief Laurina presented the oath of office and badge to Kevin Chandler for his promotion to Lieutenant.

Consent Agenda:
The following items were presented:
Minutes: April 21, 2026 Regular Board meeting, and April 27, 2026 Special Board meeting.
Warrants: April 17, 2026 – May 5, 2026
Financial Report for all funds – April 2026
After discussion and questions,

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

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

New Business:

Consider Board Compensation –

Director Sinclair led the discussion about Board compensation. Under the Special District Act, the Board may be compensated up to $100 per attended meeting at which three (3) or more Board members are in attendance, up to a maximum of $2,400 for the year. These are taxable wages, and the Board would receive a W2 at the end of the year for any compensation received. After discussion and questions;

M/S/P Slivka and Johnson to approve a motion to authorize payment of a Director stipend as permitted under the Colorado Special District Act, effective January 1, 2026, with payment to each Director to occur annually in a single lump sum in December, and provide the option for a Director to opt out if they do not desire to receive this type of payment.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Staff Reports:

Attorney: In addition to the written report, Attorney Powell shared that the District closed on the Station 12 easement purchase, and the cistern easements have all been recorded. Attorney Powell also provided an update that the 2026 Colorado legislative session has ended, and a brief update on pending fire service related legislative bills that may have a future impact on the District.

High Country Training Center: In addition to the written report, Chief Nordeen reported strong engagement in the training advisory group. The Chief highlighted a joint training with Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District at the water plant and EMS HALO (high acuity calls) training, highlighting highly collaborative training between Summit Fire and Red, White & Blue. Renovation of the training tower will begin in June followed by training on new systems. Training Office Manager, Leslie Wagner, has given notice of her retirement effective May 2027, and the District is working on a succession plan.

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

Wildland: In addition to the written report, Wildland Coordinator Kyle Iseminger thanked Community Risk Reduction Coordinator Layfield, Community Resource Officer Lipsher, and all the Wildland staff for all of their efforts in educating the public on wildland issues. The three newly hired Seasonal Specialists will attend the next Board meeting for introduction.

Finance: In addition to the written report, Finance Director Hartley shared a request to increase the District's credit card limit from $50,000 to $100,000 at UMB Bank. After Board questions and discussion;

M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to approve immediate increase of the District's credit card limit from $50,000 to $100,000 effective immediately with UMB Bank.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Human Resources: No updates beyond the written report.

Community Resource Officer: In addition to the written report, CRO Lipsher reported that his report was sent separately, as it was initially omitted from the Board Packet.

Admin Support Services and Community Risk Division/Community Risk Reduction: No updates beyond the written report.

EMS Services: In addition to the written report, Acting EMS Division Chief Grafmiller reported settling into his new position, and noted this week is EMS appreciation week with lunches provided to the shifts by Common Spirit. Implementation of the Whole Blood program is currently on hold; however, Dr. Brandy is optimistic that future funding will be available to continue the program. The District currently plans to budget replacement blood at approximately $600.00 per bag in 2027. The current goal is to recover this cost through patient billing by updating the fee schedule accordingly.

Operations: No updates beyond the written report.

Fire Chief: In addition to the written report, Interim Chief Schenking reported that a water purveyor meeting was hosted with Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District and attended by over 20 water districts. Water restrictions are anticipated imminently, with drought conditions expected to persist throughout the remainder of the year. The District is supporting efforts to reduce water usage, such as limiting apparatus washing, while maintaining equipment standards.

Board Comments
None

Executive Session:
M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to move into Executive Session under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive advice from legal counsel regarding upcoming decision on proceeding with the Fire Chief hiring 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 9:44 AM.

M/S/P Johnson and Piotti to move out of Executive Session at 10:53 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 10:53 AM.

Adjournment:
M/S/P Johnson and Tolton to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.
Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Approved this 16th day of June 2026.

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Mary Hartley
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Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

Signed by:
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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 J Powell
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