

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Palominas Fire District Governing Board
Palominas, Arizona
Thursday, June 11, 2026
5:30 p.m.

ACRONYMS:

A.R.S... Arizona Revised Statutes

PFD... Palominas Fire District

1. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

a) **Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum**

The following Board Members were present:

Tommy Stoner, Valerie Rice, Robert Montgomery and Kim Mauzy.

The following Board Member was absent:

Cathy Chouinard.

Also present was Stephen Abel, candidate for Interim Fire Chief.

b) **Moment of silence**

c) **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Executive Session:**

The Board discussed the possibility of going into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) for consideration of employment of an Interim Fire Chief.

Robert Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session.

Valerie Rice seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; absent,

Kim Mauzy; Aye,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

The Board went into executive session at 5:34 pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:34 pm.

3. **Notice of confidentiality:**

The Chairperson notified all in attendance that executive sessions are confidential and that those in attendance shall not disclose anything that was discussed in the executive session except as provided in A.R.S 38-431.03(B).

4. **Hire an Interim Fire Chief:**

Robert Montgomery made a motion to hire Stephen Abel as an Interim Fire Chief starting in July, 2026.

Tommy Stoner seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; absent,

Kim Mauzy; Aye,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

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Stephen Abel and Chairman Tommy Stoner signed the Employment Agreement with a starting date of July 1, 2026 with and ending date of December 31, 2026.

5. Adjournment:

Kim Mauzy made a motion to adjourn.

Robert Montgomery seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; absent,

Kim Mauzy; Aye,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

Adjournment at 6:43 p.m.

**These Minutes were approved by the Palominas Fire Board on _____
Date**

Board Clerk