

DRAFT MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Palominas Fire District Governing Board
Palominas, Arizona
Thursday, June 25, 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 5:30 pm.

a) Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum

The following Board Members were present:

Tommy Stoner, Valerie Rice, Robert Montgomery and Cathy Chouinard.

The following Board Member was absent:

Kim Mauzy.

Also present were Chief, Mark Prince and new Interim Fire Chief, Steve Abel .

b) Moment of silence

c) Pledge of allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes:

October 30, 2025 Regular Meeting:

Valerie Rice made a motion to approve the minutes for October 30, 2025.

Cathy Chouinard seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; Aye

Kim Mauzy; absent,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

March 05, 2026 Executive Session:

Cathy Chouinard made a motion to approve the executive session minutes for March 05, 2026

Robert Montgomery seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; Aye

Kim Mauzy; absent,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

May 28, 2026 Regular Meeting:

Chief Mark Prince suggested that there was an error in the minutes.

The Board postponed approving the minutes of the May 28, 2026 regular meeting until the Clerk reviews, and possibly corrects, the minutes.

June 11, 2026 Executive Session:

Robert Montgomery made a motion to approve the executive session minutes for June 11, 2026.

Valerie Rice seconded the motion.

Vote:

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Kim Mauzy; absent,
Robert Montgomery; Aye,
Valerie Rice; Aye,
Tommy Stoner; Aye.

3. Interim Fire Chief qualifications and duties:

Interim Fire Chief, Steve Abel was asked to address the Board and the Public concerning misconceptions about his qualifications that had been circulating. He spoke at length and provided documentation concerning his education, training and previous employment. He then answered questions from the Public.

No action taken.

4. Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget:

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the Budget.

Several members of the Public posed questions to the Board.

5. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget adoption:

Cathy Chouinard made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget with a target tax rate of \$3.25 and total Maintenance and Operations dollar amount of \$1,778,750.00.

Robert Montgomery seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; Aye
Kim Mauzy; absent,
Robert Montgomery; Aye,
Valerie Rice; Aye,
Tommy Stoner; Aye.

6. Financial report & consideration of District financial matters:

The District's accountant, Vickie Simmons, presented the May 2026 financial report to the Board and answered questions from the Board concerning the report.

Cathy Chouinard made a motion to accept the May 2026 financial report.

Valerie Rice seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; Aye
Kim Mauzy; absent,
Robert Montgomery; Aye,
Valerie Rice; Aye,
Tommy Stoner; Aye.

7. Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief, Mark Prince provided a report to the Board.

At the end of his report, Chief Mark Prince read a synopsis of his accomplishments throughout the last year and made parting comments.

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8. Adjournment:

Cathy Chouinard made a motion to adjourn.

Robert Montgomery seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cathy Chouinard; Aye,

Kim Mauzy; absent,

Robert Montgomery; Aye,

Valerie Rice; Aye,

Tommy Stoner; Aye.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.

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

Board Clerk