

Palominas Fire District
Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board
Palominas, Arizona
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 31, 2025
5:30 p.m.

ACRONYMS EOP/AOP...Emergency Operation Procedures/Administration Operating Procedures
A.R.S.....Arizona Revised Statutes ALS/BLS...Advance Life Support/Basic Life Support
ISO Insurance Services Office COLA..... Cost of Living Adjustment
ALS/BLS...Advance Life Support/Basic Life Support SCBA..... Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IGA...Intergovernmental Agreement DOL..... Department of Labor
FLSA...Fair Labor Standards Act

1. Call to Order:

- a) **Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum:** Tommy Stoner, Cathy Chouinard, Valerie Rice, Robert Montgomery, Kim Mauzy, Vickie Simmons, Dave Parry, Mark Prince (via phone), Brittany Archer.
- b) **Moment of silence**
- c) **Pledge of allegiance**

Call to the Public: No public present.

2) Action accepting Minutes (Monthly): Discussion Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of June 26, 2025: Tabled.

3) Monthly financial reports and consideration of district financial matters pursuant to

A.R.S. §48-807: The M&O had a negative balance. The Smart & Safe deposit was \$13,145. We should be able to transfer money to payroll in October/November. Cathy Chouinard made a motion to approve. Valerie Rice seconded the motion. Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye.

4) Fire Chief Report: All items are for discussion and dialogue between Chief, Staff, and Board.

The Fire Chief will give a status report regarding various areas of the District's operations including but not limited to, the following areas: The Pearce was the one that was approved to be purchased at \$170,000. The downfall is it doesn't have AC. The second problem is the truck is made mostly for pavement. It doesn't have great ground clearance and Chief Prince is concerned that it will be a problem. Current staffing is at 8. Chief Prince does have a job announcement that hasn't been posted. WE are currently looking for a Captain and EMTs. Dave Parry says he plans to go to the college to recruit. As of right now, there is a lot of overtime. Cathy Chouinard asked if the apparatus are holding up from the repairs. Dave Parry says they all passed the ladder and pump testing and things are holding up well.

5) Discussion and possible action on PFD pursuing a Bond: Robert Montgomery has been checking with the new Election's Director. She has yet to return calls for information on it. Robert Montgomery asks for as much information as possible for the August meeting. No action taken on this item.

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6) Discussion and possible action on the Foudy Road property and possible sale: The information is just comps for possible sale of the property. Tommy Stoner suggests that if the Board wants to liquidate the Kedron property as well, they should consider moving the Station 191 quarters back onto the property and selling it. No action was taken on this item.

7) Discussion and possible action on purchasing new or used apparatus: The Board would like to continue with the original plan and keep looking. Tommy Stoner says to continue to purchase the engine. He says we had an International before and it was a problem. There were many mechanical issues. He says if it says International on it, he doesn't want it. Tommy Stoner asked what kind of engine we borrowed from Whetstone Fire. Robert Montgomery agrees with Tommy Stoner's plan to purchase the first engine presented. Chief Prince stated it was a Spartan. Chief Prince brought up liquidating the van and the expedition. Tommy Stoner says this wasn't on the agenda. Chief Prince says Hillsborough is liquidating some command vehicles. Tommy Stoner made a motion to authorize \$12,000 from capital improvement for a command vehicle. Valerie Rice seconded the motion. Tommy Stoner: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye.

8) Adjournment: Cathy Chouinard made a motion to adjourn. Valerie Rice seconded the motion. Cathy Chouinard: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Kim Mauzy: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye. Adjournment at 6:51 p.m.