



**Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors**  
**Regular Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday September 16, 2025 2:00 PM**  
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Klick called the meeting to order at 2:00  
Present for Staff: Chief Busch, Washington, Bolduc  
Present for Counsel: Adams via Zoom

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

President Klick-present  
Vice President Briare-present Secretary/Treasurer Weaver-present  
Director Tognozzi-present Director So-present  
Director Hamann-present Director Treanor-present

**OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

None

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Changing action item #7 to a discussion item only.

**SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Crenshaw spoke with gratitude for the research on medical benefits for staff; Strike team engines are back; station bids are coming soon.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Busch provided an overview of the crews' activities and community events over the past month. He highlighted dates for upcoming meetings, 10/21/25 is next regular BOD meeting; open house is 10/11 at SCY 3 & 7; SCFD Chiefs meeting is 10/23 at SCFD EMS HQ; call volume is currently at 8250 calls with 2877 EMS calls; all EOA zones are in compliance with an overall average of 97.54% compliance; we have been providing a lot of mutual aid and wet hires; many strike teams deployed and have now returned with the exception of one; 2 local fires, one on Ward and one on Primrose; Jason Clopton promoted to EMS Captain; we had our badge pinning and recognized new hires and promotions; the 9-11 event went well with a good attendance; LAFCO application is in the works for annexation with Rancho Adobe FPD; developing strategies for SCY 2 & 9 station rebuilds; working with NHA on potential funding.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

A motion by Treanor and a second by So approved all the consent items below. 7-0-0



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1. Approve the minutes from August 19, 2025, Regular Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Approve bills and payables for August, 2025.
3. Status report on the District's operation in EOA-1.
4. Report out on Compassionate Care/Hardship Application(s)

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 / GOVERNMENT CODE § 3502.3 REGARDING VACANCIES, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION EFFORTS.**

*The Board shall open the item for a public hearing to receive a staff report and public comment on the District's current vacancies, recruitment efforts, and employee retention strategies, as required by Assembly Bill 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3).*

**A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING @ 2:10**

**B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING @2:11**

2. **RESOLUTION 2025-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FY 2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT-GENERAL FUND**

*The Board shall open the item for public hearing and take action upon close of the public comments. The Board will consider approving Resolution 2025-15, adopting a final budget for the Sonoma County Fire District-General Fund for fiscal year 2025/2026, period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$44,467,607.*

**A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025-15 @2:11**

**B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING @ 2:12**

**C. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-15**

A motion by Briare and a second by Weaver adopted Resolution 2025-15. 7-0-0- Role call vote was taken.

3. **RESOLUTION 2025-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FY 2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND**

*The Board shall open the item for public hearing and take action upon close of the public comments. The Board will consider approving Resolution 2025-16, adopting a final budget for the Sonoma County Fire District-Emergency Medical Service*



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*Enterprise fund for fiscal year 2025/2026, period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$32,343,063.*

- A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025-16 @ 2:15**
- B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING @ 2:16**
- C. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-16**

A motion by Hamann and a second by Briare adopted Resolution 2025-16. 7-0-0 Role call vote was taken.

**4. RESOLUTION 2025-17 ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT (Prop 4) FOR THE DISTRICT**

*The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2025-17 establishing the fiscal year 2025/2026 appropriations limit for the Sonoma County Fire District.*

A motion by So and a second by Treanor adopted Resolution 2025-17. 7-0-0 Role call vote was taken.

**5. RESOLUTION 2025-18 AMENDING THE DISTRICT FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS**

*The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2025-18, Amending the District Fund Balance Policy to Establish a Measure H Fund (\$1,459,072) and an EOA-1 Contingency Fund (\$0); Increase Funding of the Apparatus Replacement Fund (\$631,303), Emergency Fund (\$500,000), Facility Capital Improvement Fund (\$1,500,000), and SCFD Ambulance/EMS Equipment Replacement Fund (\$280,261); and Decrease the Emergency Medical Services Fund (-\$1,300,000)*

A motion by Treanor and a second by Briare adopted Resolution 2025-18. 7-0-0 Role call vote was taken.

**6. RESOLUTION 2025-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AB 1600 FIRE IMPACT FEE REPORTS**

*The Board will consider approving Resolution 2025-19, approving fiscal year 2024/2025 AB 1600 Fire Impact Fee Reports.*

A motion by So and a second by Hamann adopted Resolution 2025-19. 7-0-0 Role call vote was taken.

**7. APPROVAL OF NEW MEDICAL PLAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS**



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*The Board will consider approving the selection of California Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) as the new medical plan administrator for employee health benefits, effective January 1, 2026.*

*This item was changed to a discussion item only.*

**8. APPROVAL OF REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE**

*The Board will consider approving and authorizing the Fire Chief or designee to execute on behalf of the Sonoma County Fire District, a purchase and sale agreement to purchase the real property located at 16360 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville, CA 95446, (APN: 070-030-085 and 070-020-030) from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa at a purchase price of \$70,000, and to execute acceptance of a grant deed and related documents.*

A motion by Klick and a second by Weaver approved authorizing the Chief to purchase real property at 16360 5<sup>th</sup> street and Armstrong Woods Rd. in Guerneville.  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Standing Committee: Finance – Briare thanked the Finance Team for their hard work during the process.
2. Standing Committee: Facilities – Klick said it is best to move quickly

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Enclosed

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Enclosed

**CLOSED SESSION- Staff entered into closed session at 2:35.**

1. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).

**REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION - Staff ended closed session at 3:00 "board of directors gave instructions to staff, no reportable action."**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**3:00**

  
Kathy Washington- Secretary to the Board