



Sonoma County Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday September 15, 2026, 2:00 PM
Location: Fire Station 1 - 8200 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Beth Henry and Deborah Doyle spoke looking for support on Measure I.

PRESENTATION

Present John Lantz plaque

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

SONOMA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sam Crenshaw spoke about the multiple staff members deployed on strike teams. He also mentioned that he had attended the IAFF conference.

PROFESSIONAL FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Busch provided an overview of the crews' activities and community events over the past month. His highlights were; EOA compliance was 97.47 % overall; we have placed 6 AED devices recently; we are at 9015 calls thus far; Prevention continues to generate revenue; we have had several significant calls for service and the crews have done well; company training; crews on strike teams, away for up to 28 days; passing of both Skip Grube and his wife Carla; final inspection of a new Type 3 engine has been completed.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A motion by Treanor and a second by So approved all the consent items below. 6-0-1

1. Approve the minutes from August 18th, 2026, Regular Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Approve the minutes from the August 25th, 2026, Special Board of Directors Meeting.



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3. Approve bills and payables for August 2026.
4. Status report on the District's operation in EOA-1.
5. Report out on Compassionate Care/Hardship Application(s).

ACTION ITEMS

1. FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUB-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AND MEDIC AMBULANCE, INC.

The board will consider approval of a fifth amendment to the sub-contractor agreement with Medic Ambulance, Inc.

A motion by Briare and a second by Weaver approved the fifth amendment to the Medic contract. 6-0-1. A roll call vote was taken.

2. RESOLUTION 2026-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FY 2026-2027 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 2026-16, adopting a final budget for the Sonoma County Fire District-General Fund for fiscal year 2026/2027, period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$63,211,177.

- A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026-16-** opened at 2:37
- B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-** closed at 2:38
- C. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-16**

A motion by Hamann and a second by Treanor adopted Resolution 2026-16. 6-0-1. A roll call vote was taken.

3. RESOLUTION 2026-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FY 2026-2027 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 2026-17, adopting a final budget for the Sonoma County Fire District-Emergency Medical Service Enterprise fund for fiscal year 2026/2027, period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$41,097,598.

- A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026-17-** opened at 2:41
- B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-** closed at 2:42
- C. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-17**



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A motion by Weaver and a second by So adopted Resolution 2026-17. 6-0-1. A roll call vote was taken.

4. RESOLUTION 2026-18 AMENDING THE DISTRICT FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2026-18, to amend the District's fund policy, renaming the EOA 1 Contingency Fund to the Enterprise Reserve Fund; and setting fund designations.

A motion by So and a second by Treanor adopted Resolution 2026-18. 6-0-1. A roll call vote was taken.

5. SONOMA LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT

The Board will consider authorizing the Board President to complete the ballot for the Special District Representative for Sonoma LAFCO.

A motion by Weaver and a second by Briare authorized Steve Klick to complete the ballot. 6-0-1.

6. RESOLUTION 2026-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY FIRE STATION PROJECT COSTS

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2026-19 to allow the Fire Chief to authorize preliminary fire station project costs not to exceed \$800,000.

A motion by Hamann and a second by So adopted Resolution 2026-19. 6-0-1. A roll call vote was taken.

7. APPROVAL OF NEW DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to terminate the District's current agreement with Keenan & Associates, move the dental, vision and life insurance plans from FRMS to VEBA and execute the renewal agreement with CalVEBA for the 2027 plan year, effective January 1, 2027.

A motion by So and a second by Treanor authorized the Fire Chief to terminate the agreement with Keenan & Associates. 6-0-1.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Standing Committee: Finance- Director Briare thanked the Finance team for their hard work.
2. Standing Committee: Facilities- President Klick stated that we need to get through a CEQUA study before moving ahead with the Larkfield property. He also stated that DC Johnson has met with a tram to help navigate the building or our new station builds.



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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Enclosed

COMMUNICATIONS

1 enclosed

BOARD REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

N/A

CLOSED SESSION- Staff entered closed session at 2:53.

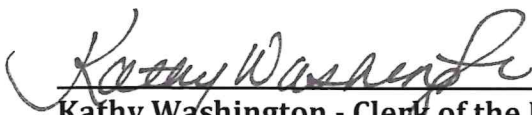
1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 4732 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Agency Negotiator: Chief Busch
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment under negotiation
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 16290 5th street, Guerneville, CA 95446
Agency Negotiator: Chief Busch
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment under negotiation
3. Anticipated Litigation (two cases) (Government Code section 54956.9(b)).
4. Conference with legal counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code section 54956.9(d)(1)) -
Llerena v. SCFD, et al.; Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. 26CV05908.

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION - Staff ended closed session at 3:50. Direction given to staff, no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

3:50

Director Treanor requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.


Kathy Washington - Clerk of the Board