



Sedona Fire District

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Station #1 – 2860 Southwest Drive – Sedona – Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 /1:00 PM

~ MINUTES ~

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to notice, a special meeting of the Sedona Fire District (SFD) was called to order by Chair Helen McNeal at 1:01 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Kim Smathers recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Board Present: Helen McNeal – Chair; Corrie Cooperman – Clerk; Janet Jablow and Dave Soto – Members. Others Present: Diana Christensen and Lance Waldrop – Board member elects, Ed Mezulis – Fire Chief; Jayson Coil – Assistant Chief; Buzz Lechowski – Division Chief; Jordan Baker, Division Chief; Bill Whittington – Attorney for the Board; Captain David Rodriguez, Engineer Josh Maxwell, Captain Brian Ford, representing Labor Union 3690; Kris Ahern and Matthew Spinelli, representing ASEA Labor; Kim Smathers – Recorder.

A. Salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chair McNeal led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all service members and first responders.

II. NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

A. Discussion/Possible Action: Orientation and Introductions for New Elected Board Members

Chair McNeal welcomed the newly elected Board members Lance Waldrop and Diana Christensen and stated that this would be an informal meeting to place faces to names and for outgoing Board members to share their knowledge and experiences. Chief Mezulis stated that present from Sedona Fire were the two labor groups, the 3690 and ASEA and members of the executive team. Each person introduced themselves and their position.

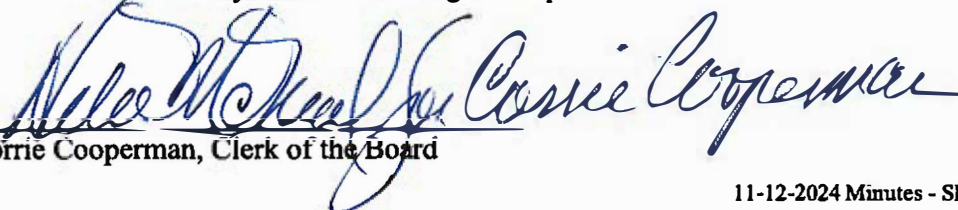
Mr. Whittington presented the Board with paperwork regarding statutory training requirements, Board duties and responsibilities, Open Meeting laws, violations, and punitive damages, uses for Executive Sessions, and other required information for new Board members. He encouraged them to attend Arizona Fire District Association Winter Conference in January to receive their statutory training.

Chief Mezulis briefed on current projects ongoing at SFD, including a follow up meeting with the City of Sedona, communications systems upgrades, upcoming budget season, and Meet & Confer.

Chair McNeal outlined her expectations for the new members, including reviewing packets before meetings, attending required training, reporting absences to Chair, and encouraged the new members to become involved in the process at meetings. The members will be sworn in on December 17 and then will be seated at the January Board meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McNeal adjourned the meeting at 2:21p.m.


Corrie Cooperman, Clerk of the Board