SEDONA FIRE DISTRICT

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PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL BOARD MEETING

Station #1 • 2860 Southwest Drive • Sedona, AZ
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 • 2:00 PM • Multi-purpose Room

MINUTES

Approved by the SFD Local PSPRS Board 11/9/26.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Salute to the flag of the United States of America and Board Member Roll Call

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Sedona Fire District (SFD) Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board was called to order by Chairperson Helen McNeal at 2:02 PM on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. A quorum was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, proceeded with business. Ms. McNeal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Roll Call

Board Present: Helen McNeal, Board Chairperson; Greg Eberlein, Craig Cushenberry, and Kai Kincheloe (via Zoom), Members.

Others Present: Ed Mezulis, Fire Chief; Keona Freeman, SFD HR Manager (backup Board Secretary); Sara Simonton, JVG Senior Consultant (via Zoom); John Rodriguez. Christi Weigand, Local Board Secretary, was absent.

II. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

The Board was advised of the following DROP entries and one retirement:

DROP Entries

- January 31, 2026: Matthew Fischer, Engineer — 23 years with SFD and 20 years of full-time PSPRS service
- January 31, 2026: Ryan Fischer, Engineer — 23 years with SFD and 20 years of full-time PSPRS service
- July 16, 2026: Jeffrey Wassell, Battalion Chief — 29 years with SFD and 27 years of full-time PSPRS service

Retirement

- June 11, 2026: Ralph Kurtz, Captain — 28 years with SFD and 26 years of full-time PSPRS service

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. December 4, 2025, SFD PSPRS Local Board Minutes.

Ms. McNeal called for a motion to approve the December 4, 2025, SFD PSPRS Local Board minutes. Craig Cushenberry, Board Member, moved to approve and Ms. McNeal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of the actuarial valuation of SFD, per presentation of 2025 PSPRS Valuation Report presented by JVG.

Sara Simonton, JVG Senior Consultant, reviewed the 2025 PSPRS Valuation Report (see Board Packet).

Ms. McNeal called for a motion to approve the actuarial valuation. Greg Eberlein, Board Member, moved to approve and Craig Cushenberry, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

B. Discussion: Filling the current PSPRS Board vacancy.

Helen McNeal, Board Chair, nominated John Rodriguez to fill the citizen member vacancy pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-847(C)(3), with his appointment to become effective at the next Board meeting in November.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.

/s/ Helen McNeal	**11/9/26**
Helen McNeal, SFD Local Board Chairperson	Date

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