

MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 26, 2021, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge
Drive, Prescott Valley**

In Attendance

Darlene Packard; Dave Tharp; Kathy Goodman; Matt Zurcher; Rick Anderson;
Susanne Dixon

Not In Attendance

Dave Dobbs; Nicolas Cornelius; Owen Mills; Scott A Freitag

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors and the general public that the **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, July 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley, Arizona.** The Board may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with Authority's Attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action. Members may attend in person or via remote methods of communication.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Zurcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Zurcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition

There were no comments.

4. REPORTS

Reports are informational only. Any item articulated in the reports is subject to clarification, discussion, and direction by the Board; no action will be taken.

A. Board Member Reports

No reports were given.

B. Division Reports

Chief Tharp reported that the Yavapai County Treasurer reimbursed Central Yavapai Fire District \$98,000.00 for the Transwestern Pipeline refund. The Agency will also receive about \$65,000.00 in funds from the Prop 207 marijuana tax disbursement. Our Agency, along with other Fire Districts, are asking the State to review how the calculations are made as legislation states only "active members" will be used; however, the report indicates that retirees have been included. He reported that there will be two disbursements a year: January and July, and they will be used for pension obligations.

Chair Zurcher inquired as to the plan for the funds. Chief Tharp responded that Staff is currently working on a plan, and that the funds are being held in the General Fund until a plan is finalized.

Chief Tharp continued by reporting that legislation has been passed that allows tax rates to exceed the \$3.25 cap. The Certificate of Participation (COP) process might require a special meeting next week that will include all three Boards; Staff will remain in communication with Board members to determine availability.

Chair Zurcher stated that he would encourage mandatory attendance.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board has decided to allow public comments as time permits. Those wishing to address the Board regarding an issue within the jurisdiction of this public body may do so by completing a *Call to the Public* form and submitting it to Staff. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes, but may submit written comments for Board records. Call to the Public shall not exceed 30 minutes per meeting. Board members shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public, but may ask Staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

There were no public comments.

6. RESPONSE TO JUNE 28, 2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS AS DIRECTED BY BOARD

Fire Marshal Chase made a statement in response to Mr. Barry Blyth's public comments during Call to the Public at the June 28, 2021 CAFMA Board meeting. He explained CAFMA's review of different inspection options for residential fire sprinkler inspections and reported that he has had a conversation with Mr. Blyth confirming the Agency's willingness, in this case, to move forward with an inspection from above using a hydraulic scissor lift. He is currently waiting to hear from the contractor regarding a rough inspection.

Clerk Packard requested that Prevention put the conversations in writing to Mr. Blyth and the fire protection contractor.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under consent agenda are considered to be routine by the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. Any item may be removed by a Board member and will be considered separately for motion, discussion, and action.

A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - June 28, 2021

- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes - June 28, 2021
- C. Approve General Fund Financial Statements
- D. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Christopherson and Hrobuchak

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Move: Darlene Packard Second: Rick Anderson Status: Passed

Yes: Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson

8. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was waived.

- A. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding the Certificate of Necessity (CON) Process and Ambulance Response Challenges

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Certificate of Necessity (CON) Process and Ambulance Response Challenges

EMS Chief Niemynski reported that Staff is in process of drafting a guidance document through the hospital for use of our Rescues; this will help the hospital and Lifeline as well. Dr. Lampe is working with Dignity Health, and the guidance has been distributed to the crews. The State is looking into why CAFMA responded our Rescues to a few calls; Attorney Cornelius will be responding to the State.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Strategic Plan and Goals and Objectives

Chief Tharp explained the strategic plan and associated goals and objectives and opened the floor to the Board for questions. There were no questions from the Board.

10. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Move: Darlene Packard Second: Rick Anderson Status: Passed

Yes: Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson

Signature indicating approval on next page.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene Packard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a distinct "P".

Darlene Packard , Board Clerk 08/24/2021