

## MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority  
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors  
CA Regular Meeting**

**Monday, September 23, 2024, 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm**

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, CARTA Training Facility, 9601 E. Valley Road,  
Prescott Valley**

### **In Attendance**

Dave Dobbs; Gayle Pickett; Lee Barnes; Lorette Stewart; Matt Zurcher;  
Nicolas Cornelius; Rick Anderson; Scott A Freitag; Susanne Dixon

### **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, September 23, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, CARTA Training Facility, 9601 E. Valley Road, 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 8:51 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

**No comments were given.**

B. 2024 Biannual Alarm Summary

**Due to the late hour, this item was tabled until next month.**

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

**Director Pickett read an anonymous letter to the board. A copy of the letter has been added to the board packet.**

B. Division Reports

**No additional comments were given.**

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.

**Eileen Rafter, Chino Valley, AZ - spoke against Chief Freitag.**

**Orion Godfrey, Surprise, AZ - spoke against Chief Freitag and the agency.**

6. 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 - August 26, 2024
- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes - August 26, 2024
- C. Approve General Fund Financial Statements
- D. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: General Development Group (4), Mayne-Hartson, Niesley, Spinney, Wright

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson, Gayle Pickett

7. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Executive Session was waived.**

- A. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding Lawsuit filed by Alvin R. Yount
- B. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa and Yavapai Counties
- C. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding CAFMA Complaint Against PSCS
- D. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding Potential Improper Disclosure of Authority Confidential Information (Kairos Data Breach)
- E. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding PFFA and IAFF Cease and Desist Letters

- F. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding Alleged Grievances Filed by Local 3066
  - G. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding Internal Investigation into Claims of Hostile Work Environment and Infringement of First Amendment Rights
  - H. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) Regarding Cease and Desist Letter (Freitag to Local 3066 Reps)
  - I. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) Regarding Possible Termination of the Fire Chief's Contract
  - J. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding Fire Chief Evaluation
8. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lawsuit Filed by Alvin R. Yount  
**Attorney Cornelius advised the board that this matter has been dismissed.**
  - B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa County  
**Attorney Cornelius stated discussions are ongoing between counsel for CAFMA, the Attorney General's office, and counsel for DHS.**
  - C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Complaint Against PSCS  
**This item was addressed in the Joint meeting.**
  - D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Potential Improper Disclosure of Authority Confidential Information (Kairos Data Breach)  
**This item was addressed in the Joint meeting.**
  - E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding PFFA and IAFF Cease and Desist Letters  
**This item was addressed in the Joint meeting.**
  - F. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Alleged Grievances Filed by Local 3066  
**This item was addressed in the Joint meeting.**
  - G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Internal Investigation into Claims of Hostile Work Environment and Infringement of First Amendment Rights  
**This item was addressed in the Joint meeting.**
  - H. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fire Chief Evaluation  
**This item was tabled until the conclusion of the investigation.**
9. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding IGA for Shared Services with the City of Prescott  
**Chief Rose explained that this IGA covers shared services for warehouse services, shared personnel, and shared apparatus. These are all things we're**

doing through separate contracts; we're bringing them together in one document. He added that the City of Prescott City Counsel passed this on September 10.

**Motion to approve IGA for Shared Services with the City of Prescott.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Rick Anderson Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson, Gayle Pickett

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Communications Collocation Agreement with GMR at Tech Services

**Chief Rose explained that Tech Services currently does radio communications work for the Williamson Valley/Bagdad Fire District. Part of that communication comes from their dispatch center down in the valley; there is a communication link in our Tech Services building to get there. Williamson Valley will be switching to PRCC rather than using Rural Metro in the valley, and we need this in the meantime for the GMR/AMR equipment that's in our building.**

**Attorney Cornelius added that this is an interim agreement and it addresses potential interference matters and access to the site.**

**Motion to approve the Communications Collocation Agreement with GMR.**

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson, Gayle Pickett

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Cease and Desist Letter (Freitag to Local 3066 Reps)

**This item was covered in the Joint meeting.**

- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Possible Termination of the Fire Chief's Contract

**Director Dobbs made a motion to terminate the contract with Chief Scott Freitag without cause.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett

No: Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Status:

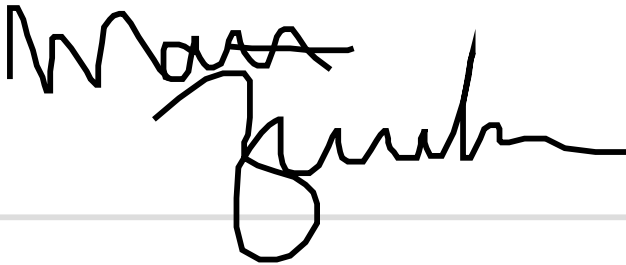
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Dave Dobbs , Clerk 10/29/2024



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Matt Zurcher 10/29/2024