

MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors
CA Regular Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2024, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive,
Prescott Valley**

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, October 28, 2023 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. 2024 Bi-Annual Alarm Summary

Chief Rose presented the Bi-Annual Alarm summary. He noted that call volume is on track for a 20% total increase, and explained how the new move-up module has positively impacted our crews. A copy of the report is attached to the board packet for reference.

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

Chair Zurcher acknowledged that today is National First Responder Day.

B. Division Reports

Chief Feddema stated that it has been a milestone month for the agency, and reported that the ambulance transport service has run approximately 130 calls; the calls have been pretty evenly split between the two battalions. He added that

a crew at 53 received kudos from Dignity Health for a recent call. He reported that we are planning on having a Spring academy; numbers will be discussed further at labor-management and will be based on what our budget will support.

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. 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 - September 23, 2024
- B. Approve Joint Special Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2024
- C. Approve Joint Executive Session Minutes - September 23, 2024
- D. Approve General Fund Financial Statements
- E. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Kingsley, Roosevelt, Tolbert (2),

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Move: Gayle Pickett Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, 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 Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa and Yavapai Counties
- B. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding Appointment of Interim Fire Chief

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa County

Attorney Cornelius reminded the board that we received a final order from the court, which AMR is appealing. AMR is alleging the decisions made by the judge were not supported by the evidence. AMR is suggesting that CAFMA should be a part of the appeals process even though we were not the subject of the court's

order. Counsel for CAFMA is drafting a response. There were two elements that the court was considering. The first was a motion for a stay of litigation during the appeal process; the second was an outstanding motion to consolidate the Maricopa County matter with Yavapai County. He expects to receive draft motions from counsel for CAFMA in the next few weeks and offered to give more details in an executive session if any board members had questions.

No motion is needed at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Interim Fire Chief

Chair Zurcher noted that he approached Chief Feddema about filling in as Interim Chief after the last board meeting, however, the appointment is pending board approval. The board can affirm the selection or look for someone else to fill the role until a decision is made regarding finding a permanent Fire Chief. He questioned if the start date would be the date of the last board meeting.

Attorney Cornelius advised that the start date should be back dated to October 24, 2024 as that would be the effective date of Freitag's termination. He believes the 6-month window should be sufficient to fill the position.

Chief Feddema agreed that the 6-month period would be adequate since new board members will on-boarded in December.

Motion to appoint John Feddema as Interim Fire Chief retroactive back to October 24, 2024 for appointment of six months.

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m.

Move: Lorette Stewart Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

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

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Signature indicating approval on next page.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Dobbs", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Dobbs , Clerk 11/26/2024