



## **Minutes**

### **Joint Board Meeting - Feb 17 2025**

Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration

8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley

#### **Present:**

Jodie Denike, Cyndy Dicus, Dave Dobbs, Nick Plancich

Toby Ebarb, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, Troy Skipper

Lee Barnes, Nicolas Cornelius, Susanne Dixson, John Feddema, Denise Krizo, Cody Rose

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Dobbs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

##### **A. Chino Valley Fire District**

Clerk Dobbs conducted roll call for Chino Valley Fire District.

##### **B. Central Yavapai Fire District**

Chair Pickett conducted roll call for Central Yavapai Fire District.

Director Reinhardt attended via teams.

##### **C. Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority**

Clerk Pickett conducted roll call for Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority.

Director Reinhardt attended via teams.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Dobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chino Valley Fire District Presentation, Discussion, and Acceptance of FY 2024 Audit Report as Presented by Walker & Armstrong

Jay Park of Walker & Armstrong presented the audit findings. A copy of the presentation has been added to the board packet.

Motion to accept the Chino Valley Fire District FY 2024 Audit.

*Moved by:* Lorette Stewart

*Seconded by:* Dave Dobbs

**Yes** Andrea Sansone, Andy Reinhardt, Gayle Pickett, Toby Ebarb, Troy Skipper, Cyndy Dicus, Dave Dobbs, Jodie Denike, Lorette Stewart, and Nick Plancich

**Passed 10-0**

- B. Central Yavapai Fire District Presentation, Discussion, and Acceptance of FY 2024 Audit Report as Presented by Walker & Armstrong

Jay Park of Walker & Armstrong presented the audit findings. A copy of the presentation has been added to the board packet.

Motion to accept the Central Yavapai Fire District Audit FY 2024

*Moved by:* Andrea Sansone

*Seconded by:* Toby Ebarb

**Yes** Andrea Sansone, Andy Reinhardt, Gayle Pickett, Toby Ebarb, Troy Skipper, Cyndy

Dicus, Dave Dobbs, Jodie Denike, Lorette Stewart, and Nick Plancich

**Passed 10-0**

- C. Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Presentation, Discussion, and Acceptance of FY 2024 Audit Report as Presented by Walker & Armstrong

Jay Park of Walker & Armstrong presented the audit findings. A copy of the presentation has been added to the board packet.

Motion to accept the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Audit FY 2024

*Moved by:* Gayle Pickett


*Seconded by:* Andrea Sansone

**Yes** Andrea Sansone, Andy Reinhardt, Gayle Pickett, Toby Ebarb, Troy Skipper, Cyndy Dicus, Dave Dobbs, Jodie Denike, Lorette Stewart, and Nick Plancich

**Passed 10-0**

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Megan Dawson, a Prescott Valley resident and employee of Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA), addressed the board regarding CAFMA's culture, introspection, accountability, and growth. A copy of her statement was provided to Administration.

- A. Correspondence from Call to the Public  
[Correspondence from Call to the Public.pdf](#) 

**5. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:27 P.M.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

Reconvened into Open Session at 6:32

- A. Discussion Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa and Yavapai Counties

This item taken before Executive Session; Attorney Crawford was unable to attend to provide the litigation update.

Attorney Cornelius stated this litigation is before the Court of Appeals. The issues related to the written responses were due in early February however there was a scheduling change at the Attorney General's office which extended the response times to early March. He will provide an update at the March meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

- A. Discussion and Possible Direction to Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Amending the Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) to Extend Authority for Hiring/Firing of the Fire Chief to All Board Members

Chair Dobbs instructed legal counsel to proceed as discussed.

- B. Discussion and Possible Direction to Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Amending the Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) to Clarify Removal of the Fifth CAFMA Board Member (Member Selected by the CAFMA Board)

Chair Dobbs stated that each board will decide which direction.

Chino Valley Fire District Clerk Dobbs made a motion to keep it as it currently stands.

Motion seconded by Direct Denike.

Motion passed.

Central Yavapai Fire District Director Ebarb made a motion to keep it as is.

Motion seconded by Director Sansone.

Motion passed.

- C. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding Filling the Fire Chief Vacancy

Chair Dobbs directed staff to table this item and add it to next month's agenda.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

*Moved by:* Jodie Denike

*Seconded by:* Andrea Sansone

**Yes** Andrea Sansone, Andy Reinhardt, Gayle Pickett, Toby Ebarb, Troy Skipper, Cyndy Dicus, Dave Dobbs, Jodie Denike, Lorette Stewart, and Nick Plancich

**Passed 10-0**

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