CENTRAL ARIZONA FIRE

Minutes

Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley

Present:

Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, Lorette Stewart, Nicolas Cornelius, Susanne Dixson, John Feddema, Denise Krizo, Cody Rose, and Lee Barnes

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

Attorney Cornelius attended remotely via Teams.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORTS

A. Board Member Reports

Director Dobbs reported that he and Director Pickett along with Chief Barnes attended the oral arguments in the AMR matter down in Phoenix.

B. Division Reports

Chief Feddema shared that he will be out of town the second week of November; Chief Rose will be acting Fire Chief in his absence. They are working on internal promotional items and will keep the board advised. The Accreditation site visit is scheduled in December.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - September 22, 2025

B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements

C. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Bachstein, Beauregarde, Kiernan, and Wolfenbarger

D. Approve Policy Amendments 121 Policy Committee and 402 Compensation

Chair Dobbs asked to have Item D removed for discussion.

Chair Dobbs asked Union Vice President Butler to comment on policies for the 48/96 Shift.

Union Vice President Butler replied he is working through the process and has nothing to add at this time.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett
Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

Motion to approve Item D of the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett
Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

6. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was waived.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

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

Attorney Cornelius updated the Board regarding the oral arguments at the Court of Appeals. Per Attorney L. Crawford, it may still be another two (2) weeks before we get a decision on the matter.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Wildland Grant

Chief Schuster explained that the national trend is to write a community wildfire protection plan. This grant will give CAFMA a good opportunity to get grant monies to help with fuels reduction and home hardening, ensuring a strategic, well-documented approach to where and how the work is done. The grant is for three (3) years once we start using the money. We will meet with Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) next month to discuss the project plan.

Director Pickett thanked him for his hard work.

Director Sansone asked if the grant was for a specific district, or the whole CAFMA jurisdiction.

Chief Schuster answered that it is for the whole jurisdiction. Chief Feddema added that this will help with creating a plan with purpose while working with partnering agencies.

Motion to accept the USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant in the amount of $249,920.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett
Seconded by: Lorette Stewart

Yes	Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding AFG - Grant for Cancer Screening

Chief Barnes explained that we applied for and were awarded this grant. The total grant is just under $2 million and is a multi-agency, cost-sharing grant with a 10% match requirement. CAFMA will host the grant, similar to how AFMA has done previously. CAFMA's contribution will be about $40,000, with its specific share around $30,885. The funding will continue the department's comprehensive cancer screening program for all members over the next two (2) years.

Director Sansone asked if this was for all firefighters within CAFMA and if there was consideration for the family members of firefighters; Chief Barnes answered that it is for us and eight (8) other agencies however because of the type of grant that it is, family members are not included.

Director Reinhardt asked if the other agencies were also contributing 10%.

Chief Barnes answered that each agency has their amount, so each is contributing their cost share amount for the portion of the grants that are allocated to them.

Motion to accept the CAFMA hosted AFG Grant for Cancer Screening in the amount of $1,818,072.72.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett

Seconded by: Lorette Stewart

Yes	Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of Two Stryker Power LOAD Systems in the Amount of $71,478.81

Chief Barnes explained that this is a budgeted purchase. The request is for two additional mechanical autoloader systems for ambulances, which lifts patients into the vehicle automatically. These systems reduce physical strain and back injuries for staff and improve patient safety by minimizing the risk of dropping or tipping. Currently, one ambulance is already equipped, and these purchases will outfit all frontline ambulances, with the remaining reserve unit to be equipped next fiscal year.

Director Sansone asked if this is a separate unit from the gurney.

Chief Barnes replied yes, the unit mounts to the floor of the ambulance and utilizes a rail system for loading the patient. It is safer than what is currently being used.

Motion to approve the purchase of two Stryker Power Load Systems, not to exceed $71,478.81.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes	Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Moved by: Lorette Stewart
Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes	Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

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