



Durango Fire Protection District

Minutes of the DFPD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 8:10 a.m. | 103 Sheppard Dr, Durango, CO. 81301

Call to Order

President Karen Barger called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members present: Karen Barger (President), Rob Farino, John Dezendorf, Samantha Gallagher, Tina McCallum, Lyle McKnight, David Stokes, Legal Counsel Bud Smith

DFR Staff members present include Chief Randy Black, Deputy Chief Michael Krupa, HR Director Megan Kunch, Fire Marshal Stephen Rinaldi, EMS Chief Scott Sholes, Stephanie Dressen, Finance Director Eric Baker, Battalion Chief Drew Duvall, HR Generalist/Executive Assistant taking Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting Taylor Arnold

Agenda

No other additions, deletions or revisions.

A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to approve the agenda, seconded by Lyle Mcknight. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- February 24th regular board meeting minutes –

A motion was made by Tina McCallum to approve the minutes, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements/Presentations

Legal presentation by Christopher Cowan regarding indefensible price increase for fire trucks.

Reports

Oral Report: Chief Black

- Updates
 - Station 4
 - Apparatus
 - Remodels
- Organization Chart Draft
- Washington DC trip recap
- Applying for a grant for a wildfire base in our district

Written Report: Finance Director, Eric Baker

- February report received by the Board.

Written Report: Fire Marshal, Stephen Rinaldi

- Report received by the Board.

New Business

1. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2026-3
 - A RESOLUTION OF THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE AS ADOPTED BY LA PLATA COUNTY, SAN JUAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DURANGO AS THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE FOR THE PORTION OF THE DISTRICT'S JURISDICTION THAT LIES WITHIN UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF EACH COUNTY AND THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DURANGO AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH LA PLATA COUNTY, SAN JUAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DURANGO CONCERNING THE CODES.

Samantha Gallagher made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by David Stokes. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

Executive Session

Samantha Gallagher motions to move into Executive Session regarding legal conference, seconded by Tina McCallum

Moved to Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Returned to Public Session at 10:20 a.m.

Tina McCallum motions to participate in class action lawsuit as the name plaintiff class representative, seconded by Rob Farino. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

President Karen Barger adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Signed: _____

Karen Barger, President

Date: _____

Attest: _____

Taylor Arnold, Executive Assistant & HR Generalist

