



**Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2015**

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2015. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA. THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 5:30 P.M.

- A. Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director House.
- C. Roll Call showed Chairman Jeff Cross, Clerk Gene Gehrt, Director House, and Director Charlie Fox (telephonically) as present.

Senior Leadership in attendance: Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois, Assistant Chief Dave Montgomery, Assistant Chief Mike Farber, Finance Director Roger Wood, and Battalion Chief Jeff Cranmer were present.

Legal Counsel Donna Aversa, and Executive Assistant acting as Board Secretary Jasmin Jones were also present for the meeting.

Item 1: *Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-461.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of appointment of a public officer (BOD #2015-06-01)*

a) *Confirmation that the candidate(s) received at least 24 hours advanced notice of this proposed executive session and agenda per ARS §38-461.03(A)(1).*

b) *Note that executive sessions are confidential pursuant to ARS §38-461.03(C).*

Chairman Cross asked each of the candidates if they received the notice at least 24 hours in advance regarding the executive session, they all confirmed that they had. Ms. Aversa explained to the Board of Directors (BOD) that at this time before they vote to go into an executive session, they could ask the candidates to step into the lobby, so the BOD could refine and discuss the questions they would ask by each candidate. The candidates stepped into the lobby.

The BOD agreed not to go in to executive session for the interview process. They called each candidate in one at a time, Chairman Cross asked each candidate the same questions during each of their interviews. The order of the candidates were:

1. Mr. Jeffrey Luidhardt
2. Mr. Lee Cooper
3. Mrs. Judy Novalsky
4. Mr. Jason Moeller

The questions asked of each candidate were as follows:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a SFMD Board Member?
2. What specific experience do you have that you believe would be of value to the SFMD Board?

3. Briefly tell us about yourself, what some of your previous volunteer experiences, leadership or governing roles were, and how you think your education, training, and experience have qualified you for this position.
4. Why should we appoint you over other applicants?
5. Assuming you are offered this position;
 - a) Does your family (and work obligations) support your board service/commitment?
 - b) Are you willing to accept the fiduciary responsibility to represent our Taxpayers best interest above your own personal interest?
 - c) Are you willing to complete the mandatory 6 hours of Statutory Training in Governance, Finance, Open Meeting Law, and Ethics and Fiduciary Responsibilities, within one (1) year of your appointment?
 - d) Are you willing to commit the time and attend required meetings and the necessary effort to be an involved and effective board member?

After the interviews it was voted to move into executive session for discussion and consideration of an appointment of a public officer.

Motion by Director House at 6:09 pm. to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-461.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of appointment of a public officer. Seconded by Clerk Gehrt.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Item 2: *Review, discussion, and possible action to appoint a board member to fill the vacancy and unexpired term created by resignation of Board Member Barbara Cobb. (BOD #2015-06-02)*

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois welcomed the candidates back into the board room and apologized for not introducing himself or the Board of Directors (BOD) sooner. The candidates were then introduced to the BOD.

Chairman Cross thanked everyone for coming and volunteering their time and participate in this process.

Regular Session reconvened at 6:47 p.m. and Chairman Cross reminded everyone that items discussed during the Executive Session are confidential.

Director Fox started by saying he was impressed by the quality of all four (4) of the candidates, they are all qualified, and it will be a tough decision to select only one.

Clerk Gehrt agreed and stated that he appreciates all the candidates desire to be on the Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors, and it will be tough decision to make.

Director House stated that all four (4) of the candidates show the diversity of Apache Junction and the diversity in our community as a whole, all of the candidates have done great volunteer work. He went on to say it will be a tough decision to make and that he appreciates all of the candidates taking the time out of their schedules to participate in the selection process.

Director House asked if Mr. Jason Moeller worked for Pinal County. Mr. Moeller stated he does work for Pinal County Health Department as an RN. Director House asked him if he knew who he was (Director House), Mr. Moeller answered that he recognized Director House from the county. Director House stated that he wanted it on record, he does not know Mr. Moeller and that by working at Pinal County would not be a factor in his decision making to elect a new board member, seeing as Director House is an elected official for Pinal County. Director House went on to say that the BOD needs diversity, currently the BOD has two members who have experience in fire service, however, the BOD does not have anyone with medical experience. Director House

also complimented Mr. Moeller on being an Eagle Scout and participating in the Citizen Leadership Institute (CLI) with the City of Apache Junction.

Motion by Director House to nominate Mr. Jason Moeller as Director for the Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors. Seconded by Clerk Gehrt.

Roll-Call Vote – Chairman Cross – yes, Clerk Gehrt – yes, Director House – yes, Director Fox – yes. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Cross complimented Mr. Moeller on his volunteering throughout our district at the food bank, as an Eagle Scout, and at the Citizen Leadership Institute – just to name a few, this made him stand out.

Director House stated that it was a tough decision to make, all four (4) of the candidates were qualified.

Chairman Cross welcomed the other candidates to stay involved and engaged with the SFMD through the events we host and board meetings.

Mr. Aversa reminded the Board of Directors of the house-keeping – Mr. Moeller's term will expire in 2016, he also needs to have the correct information per ARS before he serves on the board. She asked that Mr. Moeller see Ms. Jasmin Jones for the information at the end of the board meeting.

Item 3: *Adjournment. (BOD #2015-06-03)*

Motion by Director House to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Seconded by Clerk Gehrt.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Governing Board Approval:



Gene Gehrt, Board Clerk

Jasmin Jones