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Special Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2021

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 MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2021. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, ADMIN BOARDROOM, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC (VIA CONFERENCE CALL) AND BEGAN AT 4:30 PM.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Finance Director Roger Wood

C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain, Clerk Jeff Cross, Director Todd House, Director Jason Moeller and Director Shawn Kurian. Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Farber, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Assistant Chief Rick Ochs, Assistant Chief Jeff Cranmer, Finance Director Roger Wood and Administrative Services Director Anna Butel. Also in attendance was Captain John Walka, Sherry Mueller, Human Resources Generalist and Board Secretary and Attorney William Whittington.

1. **Call to the Public. (BOD #2021-04)** A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to a reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to all individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

NONE

2. **Possible vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and for instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding the terms of the final employment contract for the fire chief position; legal advice relating to pending personnel matters. (BOD #2021-04-01)**

Note: Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(C).

Motion by Director House at 4:33 p.m. to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and for instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding the terms of the final employment contract for the fire chief position; legal advice relating to pending personnel matters

Seconded by Director Moeller

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

The Executive Session ended at 6:55 p.m.

3. Discussion and possible direction regarding the terms of the final employment contract for the fire chief position. (BOD #2021-04-02)

The Public Session resumed at 6:59 p.m.

Motion by Director Moeller to authorize Chairman Chamberlain to meet with the new fire chief candidate to finalize contract negotiations and direct legal counsel to proceed as instructed in Executive Session.

Seconded by Director House

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

4. Possible direction regarding pending personnel matters; application of discipline, hiring and promotional policy pending new fire chief appointment; transitions, rules and expectations. Possible instructions to management and staff relating to the logistics pertaining to the anticipated transition of the new fire chief. (BOD #2021-04-03)

Motion by Director Kurian to appoint Board Director Cross to assist Chief Farber in the transition process to be Chief Farber's liaison.

Seconded by Director Cross

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

5. Discussion and possible direction regarding the next meeting date. (BOD #2021-04-04)

The next meeting date will be:

- To be determined (The final contract will be presented to the fire chief candidate which may need an additional meeting)

No Motion

6. Adjourn (BOD #2021-04-05)

Motion by Director House to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Seconded by Director Moeller

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

Governing Board Approval:



Board Clerk Jeff Cross
Sherry Mueller