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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR MARCH 18, 2026

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The Board will convene on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the Superstition Fire & Medical District's Administrative Office, located at 565 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction, Arizona. The meeting room will open to the public at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting commencing at 5:30 p.m. local time.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

The following agenda items are scheduled for discussion at the board meeting. The Governing Board may or may not decide to take action on any or all items. The order of the agenda items may or may not be taken in the order listed.

1. **Review and approval of the February 2026 financial reports and bank reconciliations.**
2. **Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.**

3. **Call to the Public.**

A.R.S. §38-431.01(I) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to 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.

4. **Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items listed below:**

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026

5. **Update, Review & Discussion of FS 266.**

6. **Reports.**

Senior Leadership Team (SLT):

Fire Chief John Whitney

Assistant Chief Brian Read

Transportation Services Director Billy Warren

Assistant Chief Richard Mooney

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**Administrative Services Director Anna Butel
President Colt Weddell**

7. New Business / Future Agenda Items.

8. Announcements and Document Signing.

9. Adjourn

NOTICE: The Governing Board may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Fire District's attorney(s) on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

One or more members of the Governing Board may attend the meeting telephonically.

Governing Board meeting agenda dated and posted (at least 24-hours before the scheduled meeting date and time).

Posted on: March 17, 2026

At: 1100 Hours

By: Tanya Anderson

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Agenda Item Title

Review and approval of the February 2026 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Submitted By

James Vincent Group

Background/Discussion

The James Vincent Group prepares the monthly financial reports. The District’s annual budget, which is adopted by the Board each June for the following fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), is formatted to mirror the monthly financial statements. The financial reports provide the Board with a monthly recap of expenditures and revenues, along with year-to-date account balance information.

In compliance with A.R.S. §48-807(O), the following reports have been added to the monthly financial statements packet:

1. Cash Flow – All Governmental Funds.
 - a. The Cash Flow report consists of the combined cash balances of all District Funds. These balances include the General (100), Transport Services (150), Capital Projects (200), Special Revenue (400), Debt Principal (500), Debt Interest (600) and Certificates of Participation (700) Funds. The Cash Flow report is updated monthly with the actual revenues deposited into and actual expenditures disbursed from the District’s cash accounts. It is important to note the revenues and expenditures are reported on a Cash Basis. This report is generated to demonstrate that the fire District maintains sufficient cash available to satisfy the projected expenditures budgeted over the course of the fiscal year.

2. Fund Account Bank Reconciliations.

The reconciliation of each of the District’s Fund Cash Accounts (General (100), Transport Services (150), Capital Projects (200), Special Revenue (400), Debt Principal (500), and Debt Interest (600) Funds) between the Pinal County Treasurer’s monthly bank statement and the District’s Fund balance sheet report is provided. To signify Board approval of the monthly financial statements and bank reconciliations, the Board Chairman is requested to sign the attached Letter of Acceptance which will be kept on file at the District.

Financial Impact(s)/Budget Line Item

N/A

Enclosure(s)

*Monthly Financials provided under separate cover

Recommended Motion
“Motion to approve the February 2026 financial reports and bank reconciliations.”



Superstition Fire & Medical District
Governing Board Acceptance of Fire District's
Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations

Pursuant to A.R.S. §48-807, by the signature(s) below, the Governing Board of the Superstition Fire & Medical District attests to the review and approval of the following financial report(s) of the fire district for the month of **February 2026**:

1. Financial Statement
2. Bank Reconciliations
 - a. General (100) Fund
 - b. Transport Services (150) Fund
 - c. Capital Projects (200) Fund
 - d. Special Projects (400) Fund
 - e. Debt Principle (500) Fund
 - f. Debt Interest (600) Fund
 - g. Certificates of Participation (700) Fund

Kathleen Chamberlain, Board Chair

Date



FEBRUARY 2026

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Agenda Item: 2

Agenda Item Title

Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.

Submitted By

Fire Chief John Whitney

Assistant Chief Brian Read

Assistant Chief Richard Mooney

Background/Discussion

This is a recurring monthly item to provide the Board with information concerning superior employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.

March Service Anniversaries

Retirement Recognition – 37 Years of Service

Engineer **John Christensen**

14 Years of Service

Battalion Chief/Paramedic **Dan Elliott**

Firefighter **Wayne Emerson**

Captain/Paramedic **Lance Frawley**

Captain/Paramedic **Brian Garten**

Captain **Bryan Heun**

Captain/Paramedic **Ryan Ledbetter**

Captain/Paramedic **Adam Rodriguez**



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6 Years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic **Justin Elliott**

1 Year of Service

Administrative Specialist, HR **Tanya Anderson**



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Agenda Item: 3

Agenda Item Title

Call to the Public

A.R.S. §38-431.01(I)

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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.

Background / Discussion

Call to the Public is provided so citizens may address the public body (Governing Board) with matters concerning the fire district. Arizona public meeting law provides that the public body may discuss, consider, or decide only matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto. Since the public body will generally not know what specific matters may be raised at call to the public, they will be unable to act until the matter is placed on a subsequent meeting agenda (at the Board's discretion). The Board may also direct staff to follow up on the issue with the citizen.

Scheduled

None



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Agenda Item: 4

Agenda Item Title

Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items as listed below:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026 – **Appendix A**

Background/Discussion

The consent agenda allows the Board of Directors (BOD) to consider contracts, purchases, and other routine administrative matters having authorized funding within the current fiscal year budget as a single decision. Items may be withdrawn from the consent agenda and discussed separately upon request by any member of the BOD or staff. Information for each consent agenda item and corresponding supporting document is within the packet.

Recommended Motion

“Motion to approve the consent agenda items for March 18, 2026.”



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Governing Board Meeting – March 18, 2026

Agenda Item: # 5

Agenda Item Title

Update, review, and discussion of Fire Station 266

Submitted By

John Whitney, Fire Chief

Background/Discussion

Review and update on the progress of Fire Station 266. Senior Leadership will provide an update on the progress made thus far regarding the development of the station. This update will include information related to site adaptations, design considerations and modifications, and other general updates relevant to the planning and advancement of the project.

Financial Impact(s)/Budget Line Item

None at this time

Enclosure(s)

N/A

Recommended Motion

"Motion to N/A"



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Agenda Item: 6

Agenda Item Title

Reports

Background / Discussion

This item is for the fire chief and his staff to share information with the Board of items occurring within, or related to, the fire district. Any item shared is for information only. Upon request of the Board, any item shared during this agenda item may be moved to the agenda for future meetings. Board discussion, other than clarifying questions, cannot occur and no action, position, or direction may occur until the specific item is placed on the agenda.

- Senior Leadership Team
- Labor

Recommended Motion:

N/A



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Agenda Item Title

New Business / Future Agenda Items

Financial Impact

N/A

Enclosure(s)

N/A

Recommended Motion:

"TBD"



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Agenda Item: 8

Agenda Item Title

Announcements and Document Signing

Background / Discussion

The BOD and staff may share and discuss items to be placed on future BOD agendas.

Recommended Motion:

N/A



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Agenda Item Title

Adjournment

Recommended Motion:

“Motion to adjourn the Board meeting.”



Appendix A

A. Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026

Submitted By

Board Secretary Tanya Anderson

Background / Discussion

The board meeting minutes of the previous meeting(s) are provided for the BOD to approve. If the BOD would like to discuss the minutes, they may be removed from the consent agenda. After approval, minutes are signed by the Clerk of the Board and kept as the official public record.

Financial Impact/Budget Line Item

N/A

Enclosure(s)

February 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes





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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026

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, FEBRUARY 18, 2026. 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 PM.](#)

A. Call to Order

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by retired Captain/Paramedic Craig Halver

C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Kathleen Chamberlain, Clerk Connie Van Driel, Director Shawn Kurian.

Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief John Whitney, Assistant Chief Brian Read, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Deputy Chief Dave Pohlman, Deputy Chief Jeff Cranmer, Battalion Chief Ryan Ledbetter, Battalion Chief Tanner Fox, Transportation Services Director Billy Warren, Administrative Services Director Anna Butel, Ben Archer with James Vincent Group, Steven. Also in attendance was Tanya Anderson, Administrative Specialist, HR / Board Secretary, Steven May from BakerTilly. Bryan Lundberg & Jill Johnson with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, and Paul Gales from Greenberg Traurig. Attorney William Whittington attended via conference phone.

1. Review and approval of the January 2026 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Motion by Director Kurian to approve the January 2026 financial reports and bank reconciliations.

Seconded by Director Van Driel

Vote 3 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED.**

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2. **Recognition of employee performance, achievements, and special recognition for community members.**

Retirement Recognition – 23 Years of Service

Captain/Paramedic **Craig Halver**

February Service Anniversaries

26 Years of Service

Administrative Services Director **Anna Butel**

Captain/Paramedic **Carlos Rivera**

17 Years of Service

Fleet Superintendent **Vaughn Croshaw**

13 Years of Service

Captain/Paramedic **Dave Endres**

Engineer **Monte Fuller**

Captain/Paramedic **Chris Furgeson**

7 Years of Service

Captain/Paramedic **Matt Leon**

Firefighter/Paramedic **Ryan Markham**

4 Years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic **Erik Arbit**

Engineer **Logan Garman**

Firefighter **Max Gregor**

Firefighter **Haden Langenhorst**

Engineer/Paramedic **David Tavares**

Firefighter/Paramedic **Jordan Wilkes**

3 Years of Service

Transport Paramedic **Holly Bassett**

Firefighter **Brad Steinepreis**

2 Years of Service

Transport Paramedic **Sean Smeltzer**

1 Year of Service

Transport Paramedic **Jordan Hershberger**

Transport EMT **Cayden Serdy**

Community Appreciation

- The Reserve at Lost Dutchman - \$4,000 to Station 261
- Charles P Farrell - \$100 to Station 263
- Sunrise RV Church - \$1,000
 - "Thank you for all you do for our community "
- Residents of the West end of Gypsum St - \$100
 - "For all the good work you do with our community "

3. Call to the Public.

None

4. Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items listed below:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2026 & Special Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2026
- B. Addition of 1 Lifepak 15 Monitor to Monitor Service Agreement
- C. 2026 Blues & Brews Festival Medical Staffing Agreement
- D. Professional Liability Insurance Renewal
- E. Commitment to Purchase a 2026 Ford F-150
- F. Perlman Architect Agreement & Fee Proposal

Consent agenda item E was pulled for discussion and ultimately approved.

Motion by Director Kurian to approve all consent agenda items for February 18, 2026.

Seconded by Director Van Driel

Vote 3 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

5. Discussion and possible approval of the Fire District’s Independent Auditor’s Report and related financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as required by Arizona Revised Statute §48-253, and as presented by Baker Tilly US, LLP – Certified Public Accountants.

Steven May from BakerTilly presented the 2025 Audit to the Board where he found the following information:

- **Audit Completion and Opinion:**
 - The audit was completed, and the report was issued on February 13, 2026.
 - An unmodified opinion was given, indicating the financial statements are free from material misstatement and present fairly in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- **Compliance and Internal Controls:**
 - No instances of noncompliance or other matters were found.
 - No material weaknesses in internal controls were identified.
- **Audit Procedures and Findings:**
 - Various controls were tested with no reportable findings.
 - No significant unusual transactions or difficulties encountered.
 - No disagreements with management.
 - No corrected or uncorrected misstatements identified.
 - No other audit findings or issues were identified.
- **Management Consultations and Compliance:**
 - Management did not consult with other accountants regarding auditing or accounting matters.
 - No non-compliance with laws and regulations was identified.
 - No instances of known or suspected fraud were found.
 - No issues related to the District's ability to continue as a going concern.
- **Related Parties:**
 - No significant findings or issues related to the District's related parties.
- **Nonattest Services Provided:**
 - Financial statement preparation, and adjusting journal entries.
 - GASB No. 34 conversion entries were prepared.

6. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution providing for all matters relating to the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds of The District, including delegation to the Fire Chief of The District to determine certain matters related thereto.

Presentation by Bryan Lundberg with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, and Attorney Paul Gales with Greenberg Traurig.

Motion by Director Van Driel to adopt Resolution #2026-02-08-06 providing for all matters relating to the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds of The District, including delegation to the Fire Chief of The District to determine certain matters related thereto.

Seconded by Director Kurian

Vote 3 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

7. Senior Leadership Team Reports

Fire Chief Report

- Sourcewell Meeting
- Skyline Towns Groundbreaking
- Architect/FS266 Meetings
- Florence Fire Meeting
- Labor Management Meeting & Retreat
- Budget Manager Training
- FY27 Budget Development Meeting
- Statewide Recruitment & Retention Discussion
- AFDA Board Meeting
- Engineer Interviews
- Division Collaboration Meeting
- Community Member Meetings
- Promotional Helmet Presentation
- Strategic Planning
- Bond Meetings

Emergency Services

District

- Lost Dutchman Marathon Teams Meetings
- Rodeo Grounds Site Walk for LDD
- One Thing Meeting – Social Media Directive
- Ren-Fest Kick-Off
- AZ Bluegrass Festival
- Promotional Process Discussion
- Incident Action Plans for Special Events
- Labor Management Retreat
- Staffing and Deployment Rebid

Regional Partners

- Attended Recruit Class 26-2 Family Night
- East Valley Assistant Chiefs
- Met with Horizon and AJ Parks and Rec

Significant Incidents

Mountain Rescue

Date: 01.25.26

Location: Hieroglyphic Trail

Response: E262, L219, E265, BC261, M264, UTV262, SQ219, BC202

Report: 92 y/o patient chief complaint fall with bleeding. Pt. Located approx. 500 ft up the trail, Report of multiple falls. Crews made contact with pt. Treated, packaged, and extracted from the trail via stokes basket an “big wheel”. Patient transported to Four Peaks.

No FF injuries.

Working Fire

Date: 02.02.26

Location: E Broadway Ave / S Arroya Rd

Response: E262, E263, LT263, E261, BC261, BC202, T220, T261, DR411, T262, E265, L264, M263, U208

Report: Fully involved barn with no exposures. Defensive fire. Tenders were utilized for the water supply.

No civilian or FF injuries.

Working Fire

Date: 02.10.26

Location: N. Acacia

Response: E262, E261, E263, LT263, BC261, BC202, T264, E217, L264, M261, U208, M263

Report: Crews arrived on scene and reported fire under the trailer with minimal extensions inside. Crews quickly extinguished the fire. One victim located.

No reported FF injuries, one Civilian Fatality.

GSW

Date: 02.14.26

Location: W. Shiprock St.

Response: BC261, LT263, BC203, M261

Report: Officer-involved shooting. Single patient.

No reported FF or PD injuries.

Training & EMS

District

- Attended Paramedic Graduation
 - Nolan Willoughby & Erik Arbit
- Promotional Process Meeting
- Assisted Renaissance Festival Set Up
- Budget Manager Training
- Met with Cloudwick
- New Hire Assessment Center Discussion
- Captain Philips Helmet Presentation
- East Valley Medical Directors
- LM Retreat

Regional Partners

- Met with Horizon for LDM
- ImageTrend Regional Summit
- Bariatric Unit Demo

Training

District

- Engineer Promotional Process
- 3rd Quarter Drill Completed: Hydraulics/Cone Course
- Operations Meeting
- Fire Engineering Training Demo
- Firefighter Hiring Process Set-Up
- Captain's Promotional Process Set-Up

- Can-Act-As-Engineer Final Practicals
- Candidate Development Program

Regional Partners

- Recruit Academy
- Quarterly TRT: Rope Ladder-Lead Climbing
- EVLT: Heavy Lifting & Stabilization
- EVLT: Captains Frawley, Yates, and Rivera Instructing

EMS

District

- Renaissance Festival Preparation and Start Up
- Paramedic School Preparations and Start Up
- New Hire Training
- EMS Vendor Integration
- Labor Management Retreat
- Lost Dutchman Marathon UC
- Implementation of NREMT recertifications

Regional Partners

- EMS ROCC
- ImageTrend Client Connection Summit

Transportation Services

- New Hire Training – 1 Paramedic, 5 EMTs
- Budget Manager Training
- EMS ROCC
- Labor Management Meeting
- Staffing and Deployment Committee Meeting
- East Valley Agencies Meeting
- Bariatric Ambulance Demo - SFD

Support Services

- Lost Dutchman RV Resort Health Fair
- Rodeo Grounds Site Visit
- Architect Firm Meeting
- PC Investigator Task Force Meeting
- Labor Management
- Horizon Health & City Meeting for Marathon
- Budget Managers Training
- FS 266 Site Meeting w/ Architect and Community Rep
- Weekly FS 266 Build Meeting
- Special Events Meeting
- LEPC Meeting
- Stantec Meeting
- Helmet Presentation for Captain Philips
- City 9-11 Planning Meeting
- Inter Division Collaboration Meeting
- Comm Ops Meeting

- City & Builder Meeting
- Labor Management Retreat
- PC Board of Supervisor Meeting
- Budget Meeting for Prevention Division

Resource

Facility Project Management

- Repairs as needed (stations, showers, water heaters, appliances, gym equipment)
- Station 262 – Painting and asphalt complete

Uniforms

- New Turnout Spec is starting to arrive
- Budgeting for FY 2026/2027

New Station 266 Build Team

- Regular meetings with Chief Mooney, Captain Garten, and Construction Supervisor Victor Ledo

Administrative Services

- BLM – Training Center & Entrada Del Oro Discussions
- Division Collaboration Meeting
- Sourcewell Procurement Solutions (Cooperative Contracts)
- Perlman Architect Meeting – FS266
- Worker’s Compensation Audit
- Recruit Firefighter Process
 - 325 Applications Received (48 not qualified-no EMT cert)
 - 250 Assessment Center slots available (188 signed up so far)

8. New Business / Future Agenda Items

None

9. Announcements / Document Signing

10. Adjourn

Motion by Director Van Driel to adjourn the board meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Seconded by Director Kurian

Vote 3 ayes, 0 nays, **MOTION PASSED**

Governing Board Approval:

Board Clerk Connie Van Driel