



**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
JOINT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board Chairman David Wilson called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held both in person and virtually due to social distancing requirements relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board Chairman David Wilson, Board Clerk John Crawford, Board Members Richard Bookie, Karen Gueltzow and Tony Sambol; South County Fire & Medical District Board Chairman Diane Price and Board Members Jack Arend, Bill Becker; North County Fire & Medical District Board Members Russell Smith, James Young.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rob Biscoe, Assistant Chief Mary Dalton, Assistant Chief DeChant, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Eric Kriwer, Division Chief Kane Nixon, Emergency Manager Kim Campbell, Division Chief Brad Puckett, Battalion Chief Shawn Holcomb, Captain Scott Dial, Captain Matt Burry, Finance Director Rebecca Chitwood, and Administrative Director Dawn Miller.

Legal Counsel Present: Lee Miller, Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director.

Public Comment: None.

Media Present: None.

Guests Present: None.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Board Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

4. DISCUSSION RELATING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS, VACCINATIONS, INCENTIVES, AND EXPENSES.

Board Chairman Wilson shared a prepared statement regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for Authority personnel. He stated his care and concern for all staff safety. Other Board Members also made comments during this time.

Division Chief Nixon and Emergency Manager Campbell gave a presentation regarding Authority COVID-19 updates. Ms. Campbell presented COVID-19 statistics and trends. She discussed pandemic transition to endemic. Ms. Campbell reviewed the COVID-19 Incident Management Team and the AFMA personal protective equipment directives. In addition, the AFMA operational directives and facility/equipment disinfection and decontamination processes were reviewed. Detailed vaccine and testing information were provided. All Board Member questions were answered.

The Board recessed for a short break at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Captain Matt Burry and Captain Scott Dial shared the position from the International Association of Firefighters related to COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Captain Burry indicated that a survey regarding vaccinations was given to the membership. All Board Member questions were answered.

5. POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion and possible action to authorize the holding of an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice concerning COVID-19 protocols, vaccinations, incentives, and expenses.

Board Chairman Price moved that the South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board convene into Executive Session. Board Member Gueltzow seconded the motion.

Vote Conducted: **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Arend , Becker, Crawford, Gueltzow, and Price.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

- B. Discussion and possible action to authorize the holding of an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice concerning COVID-19 protocols, vaccinations, incentives, and expenses.

Board Clerk Young moved that the North County Fire & Medical District Governing Board convene into Executive Session. Board Member Sambol seconded the motion.

Vote Conducted: **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Bookie, Sambol, Smith, Wilson, Young.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

- C. Discussion and possible action to authorize the holding of an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice concerning COVID-19 protocols, vaccinations, incentives, and expenses.

Board Member Bookie moved that the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Governing Board convene into Executive Session. Board Member Gueltzow seconded the motion.

Vote Conducted: **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Bookie, Crawford, Gueltzow, Sambol, Wilson.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Joint Governing Boards meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 11:02 a.m.

The Joint Governing Boards meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

6. FURTHER DISCUSSION RELATING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS, VACCINATIONS, INCENTIVES, AND EXPENSES.

There were no further questions from Board Members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



John F. Crawford

John Crawford, Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board Clerk