



ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2023

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Committee Chairman Becker called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:03 a.m. at the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Administrative Office, 18818 N. Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, Arizona 85375. The meeting was held in person and virtually.

Members Present: Committee Members Bill Becker and James Young

Members Absent: Committee Member Melanie Hardy

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

Committee Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approve Governance & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2023.

Committee Member Young moved that the September 14, 2023 meeting minutes be approved. Committee Chairman Becker seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hardy

B. Update on establishment of the AFMA non-profit foundation.

Assistant Chief Dalton presented the Governance & Legislative Committee with an update on the formation of an AFMA non-profit board. An informational meeting was held with interested community members on November 10, 2023 and seven potential board members were identified. Next steps include filing the legal paperwork to form the non-profit and holding an initial meeting of the foundation to adopt bylaws and confirm initial board member seats. Staff is still seeking interested individuals to serve from the Buckeye Valley area.

C. Update on proposed 2024 bond election.

Assistant Chief Mary Dalton reported that there are ongoing conversations with bond counsel relating to bonding laws as they pertain to Joint Power Authorities and Fire District limitations. At this time, bonding laws limit bonding efforts to the districts only, and for only the needs of the district if they were a stand-alone organization, such as a fire station or apparatus. At this time, bonding efforts cannot include any shared facilities, like a shared mechanics shop or warehouse. Discussion ensued relating to the need for outside facility and infrastructure studies to better inform the needs of this bond funding effort.

Governing Board Members discussed the option of polling by a specialized agency to gain further insight into the success of a bonding effort. Bonds must be on a 2024 or 2026 ballot, as calling for a special election would prove very costly.

Discussion ensued relating to the need for “get-to-know-your-fire-district” community meetings well in advance of a bonding effort. Potentially in late winter/early spring 2024, to include fire station tours, and articles in community newsletters a month in advance.

D. Discussion relating to Fire Board and Committee meeting schedules and locations.

Committee Chairman Becker announced the 2024 Committee meeting schedule, the second Thursday of every other month beginning February 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members discussed best practices of the oversight of Authority matters by member district elected officials, and the structure and length of member district and Authority meetings.

On Committee consensus, the 2024 Committee meeting schedule was approved.

4. **SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS**

There were no suggested agenda items.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Bill Becker
Bill Becker (Mar 6, 2024 19:58 MST)

Bill Becker, Chairman
AFMA Governance & Legislative Committee

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