



**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARDS**

**JOINT GOVERNING BOARDS MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (AFMA) Governing Board and the general public that the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, North County Fire & Medical District, and South County Fire & Medical District Governing Boards will hold a Joint Governing Boards Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. **The meeting will be held in person, by video conference, and telephonically. The meeting will be held at the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Administrative Office, 18818 N. Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, Arizona 85375.** The Boards may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice from the Authority's Attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto will be subject to Board consideration and discussion.

In accordance with the social distancing guidelines recommended by the Maricopa County Public Health Department relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, members of the Governing Boards may attend in person and by video conference. Members of the public may attend in person, telephonically, or by video conference. If you would like to attend the meeting telephonically, please dial 669-900-6833, and enter webinar ID 87124704919. If you would like to attend by video conference, you can join the meeting by clicking [here](#). For technical assistance please call, 623-544-5400.

1. CALL TO ORDER / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- A. South County Fire & Medical District
- B. North County Fire & Medical District
- C. Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

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

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chairman shall announce this portion of the Joint Governing Board meeting as a Call to the Public which is for public input/comment. The Chairman shall ask those wishing to address the Governing Boards to raise their hand so they may be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. Individuals addressing the Governing Boards are typically limited to three minutes for comments. The Governing Board cannot discuss or take legal action

on any issues raised during the Public Forum unless they are agendaized due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Laws. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment on non-agendaized topics will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. If warranted, issues raised may be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

Public Comment: Public comment/input is welcomed after each agenda item of Regular Business. Individual comments are limited to three minutes per individual and must pertain to the specific agenda item.

A. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to Adoption of Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 Declaring the Governing Boards Support for Proposition 310.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of the supplemental agenda materials provided to the Board members (with exception of materials relating to executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the Authority Administrative Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board meeting locations are accessible to the handicapped. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those with special needs, such as large-type face print or other reasonable accommodations may request those through the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Administrative Offices at (623) 544-5400 at least 24 hours before the meeting.



Joint Governing Boards Meeting AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Date: October 4, 2022
To: Joint AFMA/NCFMD/SCFMD Governing Boards
From: David Wilson, Chairman, AFMA Governing Board
Subject: Call to Order/Roll Call of Board Members

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to establish that a quorum of the South County Fire & Medical District, the North County Fire & Medical District and the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Governing Board is present to conduct the meeting.

Background:

Per Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) §38-431, a quorum of the Board must be present to conduct an official meeting.

Fiscal Implications:

Not applicable.

Previous Board/Committee Action:

Not applicable.

Sample Motion:

Not applicable.

Attachments:

None.



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Date: October 4, 2022
To: Joint AFMA/NCFMD/SCFMD Governing Boards
From: David Wilson, Chairman, AFMA Governing Board
Subject: Pledge of Allegiance

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Background:

The Governing Board has determined that a Pledge of Allegiance should be done at the outset of every public meeting.

Fiscal Implications:

Not applicable.

Previous Board/Committee Action:

Not applicable.

Sample Motion:

Not applicable.

Attachments:

None.



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Date: October 4, 2022
To: Joint AFMA/NCFMD/SCFMD Governing Boards
From: David Wilson, Chairman, AFMA Governing Board
Subject: Call to the Public

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an opportunity for public input/comment.

Background:

The Chairman shall announce this portion of the Joint Governing Board meeting as a Call to the Public which is for public input/comment. Individuals addressing the Board are typically limited to three minutes for their comments. The Governing Boards cannot discuss or take legal action on any issues raised during Call to the Public unless they are agendaized due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Laws. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment on non-agendaized topics will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. If warranted, issues raised may be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

Fiscal Implications:

Not applicable.

Previous Board/Committee Action:

Not applicable.

Sample Motion:

Not applicable.

Attachments:

None.



Arizona Fire & Medical Authority AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Date: October 4, 2022
To: Joint AFMA/NCFMD/SCFMD Governing Boards
From: Mary Dalton, Assistant Chief, Business Division
Subject: Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 Support for Proposition 310

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide the Governing Boards with an opportunity to discuss and consider adoption of Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 declaring support for Proposition 310.

Background:

As directed by the AFMA Governing Board at their meeting on September 27, 2022, a draft Resolution for the Governing Boards of the South County Fire & Medical District, the North County Fire & Medical District, and the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority is included for the Governing Boards to consider and edit as necessary.

Fiscal Implications:

Not applicable.

Previous Board/Committee Action:

Not applicable.

Sample Motions:

I move that the Governing Board of the South County Fire & Medical District adopt Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 declaring support for Proposition 310.

I move that the Governing Board of the North County Fire & Medical District adopt Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 declaring support for Proposition 310.

I move that the Governing Board of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority adopt Resolution No. AF22-1004-1 declaring support for Proposition 310.

Attachments:

- Resolution No. AF22-1004-1



**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
Resolution No. AF22-1004-1
(Declaring Support of Proposition 310)**

A FORMAL RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY, THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT, AND THE SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT DECLARING SUPPORT FOR BALLOT PROPOSITION 310 AUTHORIZING A SALES TAX OF 1/10TH OF ONE CENT TO BENEFIT FIRE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS, a significant legislative effort is currently underway from the Professional Firefighters of Arizona, the Arizona Fire Chief's Association and the Arizona Fire District Association all in support of Proposition 310's placement on the November 2022 ballot; and

WHEREAS, unlike cities and municipalities, fire districts do not receive funding from the State Highway User Fund (HURF), transaction Privilege Tax/Sales Tax (State or local), Vehicle License Tax (VLT) or income tax; and

WHEREAS, urban fire departments, like Phoenix, Mesa, Surprise and Peoria are supported by city taxes. There is a wide disparity in 911 emergency response times, when comparing urban city fire departments and district fire departments, where urban fire departments can respond three times faster than fire districts, on average; and

WHEREAS, there are 1.5 million Arizonans who live within the jurisdictions of 144 fire districts. Inadequate funding of these districts result in serious risks to residents and visitors as they travel on State interstates and rural roads. Over the past five years, nearly 2,000 people have died in vehicle crashes on Arizona's rural roads and another 30,000 have been injured. The impact of inadequate coverage and longer response times for residents and nonresident visitors to Arizona, who are just driving through and experience a serious auto accident, is significant; and

WHEREAS, fire districts provide a significant portion of Arizona's wildland firefighting personnel and equipment. Fires across the state are becoming more challenging and intense. The loss of firefighting personnel and budgetary constraints result in a reduced capacity to provide wildland firefighting resources to address intensifying wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 310 will provide additional firefighters, improve emergency response, increase medical equipment and supplies, and generally increase the quality of emergency fire and medical services to Arizona's fire districts; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Fire & Medical Authority is the umbrella organization of two Arizona fire Districts, namely the South County Fire & Medical District and the North County Fire & Medical District; and

WHEREAS, both the North County Fire & Medical District and the South County Fire & Medical District are currently supported only by property tax dollars, in each district, by separately determined budget processes. With the passage of Proposition 310, approximately \$150 million will be used annually to improve and enhance emergency fire and medical services across Arizona fire districts.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, the North County Fire & Medical District, and the South County Fire & Medical District do hereby declare their support for passage of Proposition 310.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, the North County Fire & Medical District, and the South County Fire & Medical District at a duly noticed public meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

ATTEST:

David Wilson, Board Chairman
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority
North County Fire & Medical District

John Crawford, Board Clerk
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority
South County Fire & Medical District

Diane Price, Board Chairman
South County Fire & Medical District

Karen Gueltzow, Board Clerk
South County Fire & Medical District
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

James Young, Board Clerk
North County Fire & Medical District

Tony Sambol, Board Member
North County Fire & Medical District
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

Russell "Smitty" Smith, Board Member
North County Fire & Medical District

Richard Bookie, Board Member
North County Fire & Medical District
Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

Bill Becker, Board Member
South County Fire & Medical District

Jack Arend, Board Member
South County Fire & Medical District