

SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**Meeting was held in person at Station 1, 630 2nd Street W, Sonoma, Ca. 95476
and via video conference for general public access.
Join by phone: 1-669-900-9128 | Meeting ID: 914 153 1767 | Meeting Passcode: 3300**

1. Call to Order

President Norton called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors present: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Director Brian Brady, Director John Cooper, and Director Robert Uboldi. Director Mark Emery joined via video conference, abstained from voting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Cooper and recited by all.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

Chief Akre requested that an addition be made to the presentations. Newly hired probationary firefighter, Oliver Dorantes was in attendance and will be sworn in.

5. Comments from the Public

Public and staff present/virtual: DC Norrbom, CFO Jason, BC Campbell, BC Cyr, Capt. Lewis, Capt. Banuelos, Capt. Loftus, Firefighters Ortiz, Gonzalez, and Dorantes, Station 5 Crew, Local 3593 President Derner and VP Molesworth, SIT Reporter Ruchi Shahagadkar and MVFF Erich Pearson.

No comments heard from the public.

6. Presentations

- a) Paul Pham with Chavan & Associates, LLP presented Sonoma Valley Fire District's annual financial audit for fiscal year 2024/2025. The board did not have any questions for Mr. Pham.
- b) Chief Akre introduced newly hired probationary firefighter, Oliver Dorantes. President Norton delivered the SVFD oath of office to FF Dorantes.

7. Consent Calendar

- a) The board reviewed and President Norton approved the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 10, 2026, **6 ayes/1 abstention**

8. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Akre gave his monthly report to the board, which included numerous updates covering: administrative, incidents, finance, personnel, training, equipment, facilities, prevention and community outreach, and association new and upcoming events.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

- a) The Board reviewed and accepted the annual financial audit for fiscal year 2024/2025, based on the earlier presentation from Chavan & Associates, LLP. **M/S/P Johnson/Brady - 6 ayes/1 abstention**
- b) Chief Akre presented current fund balance allocations in correlation with the FY 2024/2025 audit findings. Direct Brady motioned to approve the allocations and Director Johnson seconded. **M/S/P Brady/Johnson - 6 ayes/1 abstention**
- c) Direct Cooper motioned to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-12; establishment of bank accounts and designated signatory authority by the Fire Chief. **M/S/P Cooper/Atkinson - 6 ayes/1 abstention**

11. Other Business to come before the Board

- a) Board reviewed current subcommittee assignments with the following updates:
 - Finance: Johnson and Norton
 - Equipment and Facilities: Cooper and Uboldi
 - Personnel: Atkinson, Brady, and Emery
 - Consolidation: Atkinson, Emery, and Norton
- b) The board reviewed the nominees for the open FRMS Board of Directors and agreed on their selections. Clerk Bettencourt to place the vote on their behalf, prior to the deadline.

12. Comments from the Floor

Capt. Lewis gave a report on current personal protection equipment (PPE) grant acquisition and the move to CO2 industry standard cleaning techniques. Due to the high costs of the machinery, In a joint effort, several Sonoma County special districts are looking to purchase a unit for the county.

13. Comments/Reports from the Board

President Norton took a moment to express how he is continually impressed with our members and their commitment to training to better serve the Sonoma Valley community.

14. Closed Session

None

15. Adjournment

M/S Brady/Norton – 6 ayes/1 abstention

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m., to a regular Board meeting on May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in person with videoconference capabilities available to the public. *Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website: <http://sonomavalleyfire.org> under the Governance tab.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maci Bettencourt
Clerk of the Board