

SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 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 Director Mark Emery, and Director Robert Uboldi.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Confirmation of Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Public

Public and staff present/virtual: DC Norrbom, DC Smith, CFO Jason, BC Campbell, BC Stirnus, BC Johnson, Capt. Lewis, Capt. Banuelos, Local 3593 President Derner and VP Molesworth, District consultant Tony Ghisla, and MVFF Silvia Chloe.
No comments heard from the public.

6. Presentations

None

7. Consent Calendar

a) The board reviewed and President Norton approved the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 10, 2026, with one modification to item 1: VP Atkinson called the meeting to order in President Norton's absence. **7 ayes**

8. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

February 2026 Chief's Report attached.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

a) A public hearing was opened by President Norton at 6:22 pm to hear any public comment in the consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2025/2026-01, amending the Districts Fire Code in reference to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Ordinance 6541 and 6542. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. DC Smith presented the board with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisor approved amendments to the fire code within Ordinances 6541 and 6542. Director Johnson motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025/2026-01, amending the fire code as referenced in Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Ordinances 6541 and 6542. **M/S/P Johnson/Brady – 7 ayes**

- b) CFO Jason introduced Resolution 2025/2026-09 to the board. She explained it was a formality so that the newly formed Sonoma Valley Fire District and its officials could access the account moving forward. Director Emery motioned to approve Resolution 2025/2026-09, the Delegation of Authorization and appointing authorized personnel to administer the established California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Fund. **M/S/P Emery/Cooper – 7 ayes**
- c) CFO Jason introduced Resolution 2025/2026-10 to the board. She informed them that prior to the resolution and policy coming before the board it was reviewed by District legal counsel, Jones Hall, and William Adams. The policy is a requirement of the District to have in place prior to District securing bond funding. Director Brady motioned to accept Resolution 2025/2026-10, establishing the District's debt management policy in accordance with government code section 8855(i). **M/S/P Brady/Atkinson – 7 ayes**
- d) DC Norrbom, CFO Jason, and Consultant Ghisla presented Resolution 2025/2026-11 to the board. They explained the formality of the resolution to acquire the bonds to fund the Station 6 remodel project and the need for the draft document that accompanied the resolution, known as the preliminary official statement. This document is a working draft and will be brought back to the board when it needs to be finalized. Director Cooper motioned to approve Resolution 2025/2026-11, authorizing delivery and sale of Certificates of Participation to provide financing for the improvement and expansion of Station 6. **M/S/P Cooper/Uboldi – 7 ayes**

11. Other Business to come before the Board

Clerk Bettencourt informed the board that Form 700s would be completed this week and asked for the board members to email her stating no changes or to provide any changes to their filing requirements.

12. Comments from the Floor

Local 3593 President Chris Derner notified the board that he has formally requested the opening of contract negotiations between the Union and the District. The current four year contract expires on, June 30, 2026.

13. Comments/Reports from the Board

The board questioned the present of the book, *"The Great Train Heist"*, at their seats tonight. BC Stirnus commented that it was sent to numerous public officials throughout the County from either the publisher or the author. It was not solicited by the District.

14. Closed Session

None

15. Adjournment

M/S Emery/Cooper – 7 ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm, to a regular Board meeting on April 14, 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