



# Durango Fire Protection District

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## Minutes of the DFPD Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:30 a.m. DFPD Station One

President Kathy Morris called to order the meeting of the Durango Fire Protection District Pension Board of Directors at 7:34 a.m. Board members present for the Call to Order were Matt Leeder, John Dezendorf, Lyle McKnight, Jerry Martinez and Patti Zink. Staff members included Chief Hal Doughty, Fire Marshal Karola Hanks, Finance Director Eric Baker, Facilities and Fleet Director Jim Applegate, Captain Grant Allen, HR Director Megan Kunch and Administrative Assistant Katie Pounds. Legal Counsel Bud Smith and newly elected Board members Samantha Gallagher and Tina McCallum were also in attendance. New Board members Steve List and Karen Barger were excused from the meeting.

President Morris opened the meeting at 0734.

### AGENDA: Additions, Deletions:

An addition was made by Chief Doughty to include two Executive Sessions: 1) §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., "The executive session concerned the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest."; 2) §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., "Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions." Chief Doughty also made a change in the agenda in moving "Introduction to FCBOA Members" under New Business to Announcements/Presentations. A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the agenda, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 26, 2022 Regular Minutes

A motion was made by Patti Zink to approve the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Marshal Karola Hanks introduced four members of the FCBOA: Larry Turner, Bill Frownfelter, Dale Ruggles and Lauren Davis.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

### REPORTS:

**Financial Report:** Eric Baker presented the April 2022 financial statement. A motion was made by Matt Leeder to approve the April 2022 Financial Report as given by Finance Director Eric Baker, seconded by Lyle McKnight. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Doughty reported he has a work session in the afternoon with the County Commission for a follow-up presentation on future projected Impact Fees. The county stated to Chief Doughty that they'd like La Plata County, San Juan County and city of Durango to be on the same page before adoption of new Impact Fees. There was brief discussion concerning the updating of the International Fire Code across the county and city as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **New Downtown Station:** Chief Doughty reported that Kevin Hall—Community Development, City of Durango—suggested DFPD move forward with informal meeting with the City Council in order to review everything required of DFPD for the site plan. Chief Doughty reported the traffic study is currently in draft form but it looks to be favorable for DFPD’s plans for the new station. Legal Counsel Bud Smith mentioned that City Council will have their public hearing of the citizen-initiated, proposed ordinance on Thursday, May 26. After the hearing, City Council will decide whether to adopt the ordinance or schedule a special election. There was discussion as to how the ordinance could impede future construction decisions for PD, DFPD and anyone else looking to locate in Durango’s central business district.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Swearing in of New Board Members:** Kathy Morris introduced two of the four new Board members, Samantha Gallagher and Tina McCallum and swore them in to DFPD’s Board. Kathy Morris stated that new Board member Steve List was sworn in earlier in the month due to travel. Kathy stated Karen Barger is not in attendance due to family business but will be sworn in later in the month. Chief Doughty thanked the exiting Board members for their service over the last several years. In addition, Jerry Martinez stated he is resigning from the Board and turned in his resignation letter due to relocation.
- b. **Board of Directors Compensation:** Chief Doughty explained that the Board of Directors have the option to be compensated for their time. Each Board member must sign a form stating he/she does/does not wish to be compensated.
- c. **Selection of Board Officers:** Legal Counsel Bud Smith suggested that the new Board members wait to choose officers as two of the new members are missing and to choose a temporary Board President until the Regular Board Meeting in June. Samantha Gallagher volunteered to be the temporary Board President. *A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to make Samantha Gallagher temporary Board President, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.*
- d. **June 27 SDA Conference:** Chief Doughty explained the importance of and encouraged the Board members to attend the SDA Conference at Station 1 on June 27 as it will explain, in depth, special districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., “The executive session concerned the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.”
- b. §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.”


*A motion was made by Lyle McKnight to enter into Executive Session, seconded by John Dezendorf. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:41 a.m.

The Board reconvened in the Regular Meeting at 9:52 a.m.

*A motion was made by Samantha Gallagher to appoint Kathy Morris as a Board Director for one year finishing Jerry Martinez’s term, seconded by Tina McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.*

Samantha Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

  
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 Samantha Gallagher, President

6/28/22  
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 Katie Pounds, Administrative Assistant