



MEETING MINUTES

The Fire Board of the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District (RRMFD) met in regular session on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rio Rico Medical and Fire District administrative office, 822 Pendleton Drive, Rio Rico, AZ.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Meeting is being recorded
- Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Frank Bejarano

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Present: Frank Bejarano, Michael Carlson, Gabriel Martinez and Henry Thysell
- Absent: Brad Beach

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of minutes

i. Special Session July 22, 2026, Regular Session and Executive Sessions of July 23, 2026

- Noted, Special Session of July 2026 also includes an Executive Session
- Motion to approve the Special Session and Executive Session of July 22, 2026 and the Regular Session and Executive Sessions of July 23, 2026 made by Michael Carlson, second by Henry Thysell
- Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Correspondence

- None

b. Fire Chief's Report

- Chief Amezaga asked Board members to view the "Wall of Flames" created by Michael and Terry Carlson
- Fire Chief Report presented by Fire Chief Amezaga. Copy of report on file and posted on the website.
- Frank Granados appointed to the Arizona Dept. of Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council
- Malki Higuera, Founder of Public Safety Global Alliance who distributes medical and fire equipment throughout the world, incorporated a Firefighter of the Year award. This year's honoree is Ricardo Ugarte. In addition to this award, the State Legislation and Congress acknowledged Ricardo Ugarte with a certificate signed by Juan Ciscomani.
- Michael Carlson recapped the Fire Corp participation, projects and value saved with use of volunteers. August a slower month, September will be busier due to 9/11 Stair Climb and Surviving the Fireground trainings.

c. Fire Marshal Report

- Reports for July and August presented by DC Urbanski. Copy of report on file.

d. Fire Board Member Report

- Henry Thysell shared a picture of his granddaughter being sworn in at the Northwest Fire District Board meeting as the warehouse inventory clerk.

- Michael Carlson commented regarding the Santa Cruz County Technical Assistance Committee zoom meeting and update for 2026 infrastructure noting there is no law enforcement/first responder relations. This meeting was mainly to meet everyone and gather information and resources to review prior to the September 22nd meeting. This committee is an advisory group able to give input.
- e. Financial Report
 - i. Presentation of Financial Reports of June and July 2026
 - Ana Holman noted the report presented will be for June only as the County is transitioning to a new software, no reports for July
 - Report presented by Ana Holman
 - Email received from the SCC Board of Supervisors noting there will be no election held in November for the Governing Board of RRMFD as only three candidates filed for off. SCC Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution at the August meeting to cancel the election and appoint the following candidates as elected: Brad Beach, Frank Bejarano and Michael Carlson
 - Financial Audit will take place the week of October 5, 2026

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion, review and possible action re: Approval and adoption of revised PSPRS Pension Funding Policy
 - i. This is a continuation of previous discussion related to revised PSPRS Pension Funding Policy
 - Ana Holman noted this item has been tabled a few times pending information. The funding ratio was reduced partially due to the increase in wages (wildland assignments and overtime) and more being contributed to PSPRS. Suggestion to use profit from wildland to contribute to shortfall, look into revenue from LGIP as possible funding for shortfall or make quarterly payments of \$100,000 or more if available.
 - Motion to approve and adopt the revised PSPRS Pension Funding Policy as presented made By Henry Thysell second by Gabriel Martinez
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

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- b. Discussion and possible action re: Executive Session – The Fire Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) for personnel matter
 - i. This is a continuation of item regarding personnel matter
 - ii. **Note: The Chairperson will confirm Chief Amezaga received at least 24 hours notice**
 - iii. **Note: Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(C)**
Anything discussed within Executive Session is to remain within Executive Session
 - iv. **Note: No action is taken during an Executive Session. Any action taken by the Board will take place during an open meeting**
 - Chairperson confirmed Chief Amezaga received at least 24 hours notice – confirmed.
 - Motion to enter Executive Session made by Michael Carlson, second by Gabriel Martinez
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Entered Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.
 - Notes ii. and iii. read
 - Frank Bejarano liked the comments and responses; appreciates what Chief Amezaga has done and is on the right track and will have his support. Would like to have more one on one time for discussions with the Chief. When the crews show up with professionalism, pride and do an excellent job
- c. Discussion and possible action re: Personnel matter
 - i. This is a continuation of item regarding personnel matter
 - No action

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of financial reports for June and July 2026.
 - Motion to approve financial report for June 2026 made by Michael Carlson, second by Henry Thysell
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- b. Discussion, review and possible action re: Adoption of revised Non-Criminal Justice Policy
 - Ana Holman noted there are no substantial changes, corrected misspelling and changed HR Generalist to Administration and Human Resources personnel
 - Motion to adopt revised Non-Criminal Justice Policy made by Henry Thysell, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- c. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of contract for PSPRS attorney
 - Current PSPRS attorney left so new attorney is needed. Use of attorney is minimal by the PSPRS Local Board; attorney must be separate from District attorney, attorney fees paid by RRMFD
 - Motion to approve contract for PSPRS attorney made by Henry Thysell, second by Michael Carlson
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- d. Discussion and possible action re: Executive Session – The Fire Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(7) regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property
 - i. **Note: Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(C)**
Anything discussed within Executive Session is to remain within Executive Session
 - ii. **Note: No action is taken during an Executive Session. Any action taken by the Board will take place during an open meeting**
 - Motion to enter Executive Session made by Michael Carlson, second by Gabriel Martinez
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.
 - Returned from Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.
 - Notes i. and ii. read
 - Motion to approve Chief Amezaga to pursue a valuation of the property where Station 4 sits for possible opportunities or alternatives we may have in the future made by Michael Carlson, second by Gabriel Martinez
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

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9. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Next Board Meeting – September 24, 2026
 - Property Appraisal
 - SCCT Update
 - Funding of the PSPRS unfunded liability
 - SCC Technical Advisory Committee meeting update

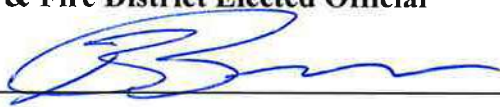
10. ADJOURNMENT

- Happy Birthday to Frank Bejarano
- Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m

Dated this 24 day of Sept., 2026.

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District Elected Official

Brad Beach,



Clerk of the Board

