

## FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### FIG GARDEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors – Regular Meeting Minutes January 29, 2026 4:00PM Station 20 – 4537 N Wishon

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erik Peterson, Heather Janz, Louis Linney, Richard Caglia and Larry Fortune (arrival at 1643)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CITY OF FRESNO:** Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief  
Yvonne Dedmore, Business Manager  
Christy Cronin, Senior Management Analyst  
Kaleb Neufeld, Assistant Controller

**OTHERS:** Amanda Schiefer, Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Board Member Linney.

1. CLOSED SESSION – 1605 - 1621  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
(California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))  
1 potential case  
  
Report Outcome from closed session – the board will be inviting attorney candidates to a special meeting to be hired on as needed basis.
2. Board of Directors Minutes  
**MOTION:** Board Member Caglia motioned to adopt the minutes of December 11, 2025; seconded by Board Member Peterson. Motion carried  
- Ayes: Janz, Linney, Peterson, Caglia  
- Nays: none
3. Public Commentary
  - EA Amanda Schiefer introduced herself to the board.
  - SMA Cronin announced to the board that a letter was received from Meggin Boranian resigning as legal counsel to the board effective March 1, 2026.
  - Chief Alcorn suggested board members should look up the Lincoln Rural Fire District which has contracted with the City of Stockton for fire suppression services. They are very similarly structured except for a paid board clerk position.
4. Board Member Comments/Updates
  - None
5. Board Position Rotation
  - At the December 11, 2025 meeting, Board Member Linney reminded members that the board positions are due to rotate in January. Positions are Board President, Board Vice President and Board Secretary. Beginning at the next board meeting, positions will be as follows:
    - i. Board President – Heather Janz
    - ii. Board Vice President – Erik Peterson

iii. Board Secretary – Louis Linney

6. District By-Laws

- Board Member Janz suggested the bylaws committee meet since there has not been progress presented since discussion last year of bylaws creation. Board members Janz and Peterson volunteered to work on the bylaws in the committee. The bylaws committee will meet and present a draft at the next meeting.
- It was suggested by the City of Fresno that the board add a treasurer position to act as the District Fiscal Officer. Board members do not feel that it is a relevant position because there is no access to funds held by the district and adding the position would not change the fiduciary duties of the board.
- SMA Cronin advised that the annual Financial Transaction Report requires the listing of a District Fiscal Officer. In previous years, the Business Manager for the City of Fresno Fire Department had been listed. However, the City of Fresno Budget office would like a member of the districts board to be listed. In lieu of a Treasurer, it was decided that Board Member Caglia, as Secretary, will be listed and will electronically sign the submission for the FY 2025 due on Monday February 2, 2026.

7. Email Distribution List

- At the December 11, 2025 meeting, Board Member Linney requested the board discuss the creation of an email distribution list to be used by the Police and Fire District.
- The current email list is maintained by the Homeowners association. Board Member Linney suggested a postcard with a QR code be mailed to residents identifying the list as a public safety list. He requested the webmasters contact information to be able to reach out and ask some questions. Board Member Janz suggested a possible giveaway to encourage residents to sign up.
- Board Members Linney and Janz would like information regarding traffic on the website.

8. Fire Code Discussion

- Chief Alcorn gave a recap why the Fire Code needs to be updated. The track changes has not yet been completed from the December meeting and will hopefully be available for review and possible adoption by the March meeting.

9. Sheriff Storage Area – follow up from December 11 meeting

- Board Member Caglia has not received any additional information. Danny Boyajian recommended speaking to Tom Gatty for a tag number. He was also referred to Cory Nelson for more information. Board Member Caglia will follow up.

10. COF Payback Claim – \$686,080.81

- At the December 11, 2025 meeting, board members decided to have an independent audit done regarding the under-payment claim presented by the City of Fresno. A motion was made for each member to return to the January 2026 meeting with their recommendation for both legal and financial resources to review the contract for services and payments previously made on the contract.
- AC Neufeld advised that Price Paige & Co is the Districts current independent auditor and that they are currently reviewing the analysis provided by the City of Fresno as part of the FY 25 audit.
- Board members decided to wait for the result of the FY 25 audit before deciding what action to take regarding this matter. Board Members were provided the contact information for Jasmine Logee who is the lead at Price Paige & Co for the Districts audit.

11. FAIRA

- The FAIRA application will be due in February. Board members reviewed the current policy

**MOTION:** Board Member Peterson motioned to have SMA Cronin submit the FY 2027 application with no changes from the FY 2026 policy; seconded by Board Member Caglia. Motion carried

- Ayes: Janz, Linney, Peterson, Caglia, Fortune
- Nays: none

12. Financial Update/Fiscal Reports

- Fiscal reports through December 30, 2025 were presented.
  - Documents and vouchers for signature
    - i. Price Paige & Co – Invoice 37356 - \$1,000
    - ii. Fresno Fire Department – Invoice FY26-02 - \$851,167.50
  - The Fresno Fire Department invoice was originally presented for \$854,638.33 which included \$3,470.83 of interest revenue. The board members do not agree that any interest is due to the City. Arguments made by the board are:
    - i. Interest is being compounded over the course of months in between invoicing from the Fire Department. That is not the fault of the District and therefore there is no liability to pass the interest through to the City.
    - ii. Historically, over the course of the 20 years of the agreement, interest has never been paid to the city. If the City is re-evaluating the agreement and making new interpretations, notice should have been given to the District.
- The District will be seeking legal consultation to determine if the City has any claim to the interest portion of revenues received by the District.

13. Fire Chief

- Station statistics – Chief reviewed call volume for both the engine and the station.
- Department Updates
  - i. Talked about the current drill school and answered board member questions about costs for outfitting a new firefighter.
  - ii. The department has worked with cal trans regarding the spreading of bark and has seen a major reduction in roadside fires.
  - iii. The Hazmat team has been incredibly active and is going to be attending the super bowl in a safety capacity.
  - iv. North central just hired a new fire chief - Kevin Kerry.
  - v. The Fresno Training Symposium is March 16-20. Board members are invited to come to lunch and the hospitality night.
  - vi. Big fire Mckinley and Blackstone.

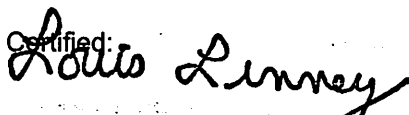
14. 2026 Scheduled Board Meetings (THURSDAYS)

Board reviewed schedule dates for 2026. No changes to any dates. Members decided to continue meeting at 4:00 pm moving forward.

- March 19, 2026 – Quarterly Meeting
- June 18, 2026 – Quarterly Meeting and First Weed Abatement Hearing
- July 23, 2026 – Second Weed Abatement Hearing (if needed)
- September 17, 2026 – Quarterly Meeting
- December 17, 2026 – Quarterly Meeting

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm

Certified:   
Louis Linney, Board Secretary

Date 4/20/26