

FARMINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES Emergency Board Meeting February 11, 2026 7:00PM

1. Call to Order -

Meeting call to order by President Briggs at 7:03 pm.

2. Vote to Hold Emergency Meeting-

Director Samuel motioned to conduct the emergency meeting pursuant to Government Code § 54956.5(a). Director Cross seconded.

Voice Vote

Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Latini- Absent

Motion Passed

3. Establish a Quorum -

A Quorum was established by verbal roll call. Directors Briggs, Cross, Lemos, Samuel, District's General Council John Luebberke were all recorded present.

4. Flag Salute -

Recited

5. Public Comment -

- President Briggs read a letter submitted by Director Cleve Latini announcing his resignation of the Board.
- Members of the community shared their thoughts about the current situation concerning the district. President Briggs reminded the public present that while they are welcome to present information and ask questions, the Board of Directors cannot comment on issues raised as they do not appear in the agenda and cannot be discussed by the Board of Directors while in session as others may want to provide input on that subject and must have the opportunity to be present.

6. Closed Session items -

Director Lemos motioned to recess the emergency meeting to confer with legal counsel. Director Samuel seconded.

Voice Vote
Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote
Motion Passed

Emergency meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:21 pm to discuss:

- a. Public Employment (§ 54957)
 - i. Title: Acting Fire Chief
- b. Conference with Agency Counsel – Anticipated litigation
 - i. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(2); Three cases
- c. Conference with Agency Counsel (§ 54957)
 - i. Security of public buildings and property.

Emergency meeting was motioned to call back to order by Director Lemos. Seconded by Director Cross.

Voice Vote
Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote
Motion Passed

The meeting was called back to order at 7:45 PM. President Briggs reported no action taken as a result of the closed session.

7. Action Items -

- a. Director Lemos motioned to accept the resignations of Assistant Chief Kalebaugh and Administration Battalion Chief Conni Bailey. Director Cross seconded.

Voice Vote
Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote
Motion Passed

After discussion the second half of Action Item a. related to the return of district property and information by former employees was tabled for possible action in the future.

- b. Director Briggs motioned to hire Collegeville Fire Protection District Chief Vanessa Herrero immediately as Temporary Emergency Acting Chief for ten to thirty hours per week, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a period of four to six weeks, as the search for an acting chief continues. Seconded by Director Lemos.

Voice Vote

Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote

Motion Passed

- c. After discussion, the decision was made to table Action Item c. and allow the Temporary Emergency Acting Chief the opportunity to determine the appropriate course of action to restore information technology systems.
- d. Jeff Briggs motioned to change the persons allowed to expend county funds on behalf of the district removing Conni Bailey and adding Vanessa Herrero, leaving those authorized to the following: Matt Bailey, Vanessa Herrero, David Cross, Jeff Briggs, Jacob Samuel. Seconded by Director Lemos.

Voice Vote

Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote

Motion Passed

- e. After discussion, the decision was made to table the discussion and potential action on a Board Secretary until the regular meeting until it can be considered with other duties that may be included

8. Discussion of items to be noticed on the next agenda –

The Board discussed the following items to be added to the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda: Follow-up on the acting chief and administrative support search, follow-up on return of district physical and intellectual property, follow-up on the chief's assessment of immediate needs, and consideration of recognition of recently resigned leadership.

9. Adjournment –

Director Samuel motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Cross second the motion.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voice Vote
Cross - Aye
Samuel - Aye
Lemos - Aye
Briggs - Aye
Vacant- No Vote
Motion Passed

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Briggs
Board President

Budget Status Report Documentation

Through February 23, 2026

At this time the Temporary Emergency Acting Chief Ness Herrero and the Board of Directors do not have access to locked computer equipment and login information for the San Joaquin County Auditor/Controller. Administrative Chief Conni Bailey has not provided access to locked District computers, district emails, or login credentials to web-based applications. Attempts will be made with the country to recreate credentials and access ahead of the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Jeff Briggs

Board President