

===== Farmington =====  
**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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MINUTES  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 23, 2026  
7:00 PM

**1. Call to Order –**

Meeting call to order by President Briggs at 7:02 PM.

**2. Establish a Quorum –**

A Quorum was established by verbal roll call. Directors Cross, Briggs, Lemos, and Samuel were all recorded present. Acting Chief Herrero was absent due to other commitments.

**3. Flag Salute –**

Recited

**4. Approval of Minutes –**

January 26, 2026 minutes – Tabled due to them not being completed.  
February 11, 2026 Emergency Meeting minutes Director Lemos motioned to accept the minutes as written. Director Samuel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

- Briggs - Aye
  - Cross - Aye
  - Lemos - Aye
  - Samuel - Aye
  - Vacant -
- Motion Passed***

**5. Public Comment –**

One member of the public questioned public safety after reading about the news story in the Escalon Times.

**6. Closed Session –**

Director Samuel motioned to pause the meeting and enter into closed session. Director Lemos seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

- Briggs - Aye
  - Cross - Aye
  - Lemos - Aye
  - Samuel - Aye
  - Vacant -
- Motion Passed***

The regular meeting was paused at 7:10 PM to enter closed session.

Director Lemos motioned to re-open the regular meeting. Director Samuel seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

**Motion Passed**

President Briggs called the meeting back to order 7:29 pm. President Briggs reported that no action was during the closed session.

**7. Budget Status Report – as of January 31, 2026 –**

Cash on hand Account #48501 - General Fund  
Cash on hand Account #48505 – Grant Fund  
Cash on hand Account #48551 – Strike Team Fund  
Cash on hand Account #48591 – Capital Outlay Fund  
Total:

*Note: Monthly budget reports were not available for the February 23, 2026 meeting.*

**8. Payment of Bills – January 2026 –**

Director Samuel and Director Lemos questioned charges the Joint Radio Users Group bill. Administrative Chief Conni Bailey explained the charges. Director Samuel also had a question regarding medical oxygen that was answered. Director Lemos motioned to approve payment of the bills. Director Samuel seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

**Motion Passed**

**9. Chiefs Report –**

See attached February report by Acting Chief Herrero Presented by President Briggs. Report is attached to the minutes.

**10. Information Items –**

- a. Correspondence- None
- b. The Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired contacted the District regarding the use of the station as a rest stop on February 28, 2026.
- c. There was a discussion that the District shall maintain the property and working relationship with the Farmington Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.
- d. President Briggs gave an update on the addition of two sleeping quarters at the station

**11. Action Items -**

**a. Ad Hoc Committee recommendations to appoint an Acting Fire Chief:**

Director Lemos and Director Samuel presented an update on the search for a new acting chief. They shared that only a few people have applied and none being local. Director Lemos and Director Samuel will continue the process and conduct interviews and come back at the March regular meeting with a recommendation. No action was taken.

**b. Ad Hoc Committee recommendations on District Administrative Functions:**

Director Samuel provided an update on the status of filling the district administrative function needs. Cecilia Nelson Bookkeeping was recommended by the committee to assume the administrative support duties. After discussion, the committee will come back at a subsequent meeting with a service level agreement with the recommendation. No action was taken at this time

**c. Discussion on the property not returned by former employees**

The Board held a discussion on items not returned to the District by former employees. No action was taken.

**d. One opening on the Board of Directors:**

The Board held a discussion on filling the open Board of Directors opening. Director Lemos motioned to post the Board of Directors opening for fourteen days, with those interested to submit a letter of interest by registered mail. Director Cross seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**e. San Joaquin County Auditor-Controller Signatory:**

President Briggs shared that previous approved signers to the San Joaquin County accounts were determined to be sufficient for both the payroll and account management. No action was taken.

**f. Signatory Powers for Oak Valley Bank:**

The Board held a discussion on filling the open Board of Directors opening. Director Lemos motioned to approve Board Resolution 26-01 authorizing the changes to signers to the Oak Valley Bank account. Director Samuel seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**g. Hiring additional part time firefighters:**

The Board held a discussion on the need to hire additional part time firefighters. Director Cross motioned to authorize the acting chief to hire additional part-time firefighters as the acting chief deems necessary. Director Samuel seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**h. Hiring an information technology support contractor:**

A discussion was held on the need to hire an information technology contractor to provide computer system oversight and monitoring. After discussion the Board President will reach out to Ackerland Technology Solutions to prepare a service agreement contract for consideration at the next meeting. No Action was taken.

**i. Purchase an iPad for use with computer aided dispatch:**

The Board held a discussion on the need to purchase an iPad for use with computer aided dispatch. Director Lemos motioned to purchase an iPad through the Joint Radio Users Group not to exceed \$1500 and \$50 per month for cellular access. Director Cross seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**j. Changes to District maintenance of equipment:**

The Board held a discussion on the needs to establish regular maintenance and repair vehicles. Director Samuel motioned to authorize the repairs identified to Engine 41 up to the amount quoted by Delta Equipment and to solicit additional quotes for repairs on other equipment. Director Cross seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**k. Recognition of recently resigned chief officers**

The Board held a discussion on recognizing the resigned officers for their years of service. After discussion, Director Cross will prepare a recommendation and present at a future meeting.

**12. Good of the Order -**

None.

**13. Adjournment -**

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

Briggs - Aye  
Cross - Aye  
Lemos - Aye  
Samuel - Aye  
Vacant -

***Motion Passed***

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM**

*The next meeting is scheduled March 23, 2026 at 7:00PM.*

*Submitted,*

*Jeff Briggs  
Board President*