

# Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Adams County Fire Protection District, held at the District's Station 11, at 1675 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80229

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Board Members Present

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| Michael DeMattee | Vice President      |
| Ken Ciancio      | Treasurer           |
| Joe Domenico     | Assistant Secretary |

## Also Present

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| Clinton Garner     | Fire Chief                               |
| Jamie Wood         | Deputy Chief, Operations                 |
| Thom Jeffries      | Division Chief of Planning and Logistics |
| Christina Marchese | Executive Assistant to the Chiefs        |
| Brooke Peterson    | Finance Director                         |
| Mike Eason         | IAFF Local 2403, President               |
| Michelle Ferguson  | District Legal Counsel (virtual)         |

## Absent

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| Ken Lombardi   | President/Chairman |
| Mario Molinaro | Secretary          |

## Call to Order

Assistant Secretary Domenico called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Assistant Secretary Domenico made a motion to excuse President Lombardi and Secretary Molinaro from this evening's meeting. Treasurer Ciancio seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

## Welcome the Audience

Vice President DeMattee welcomed all in attendance.

## Moment of Silence

Vice President DeMattee called for a moment of silence for the 17 fallen firefighters from across the US to date in 2026.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President DeMattee led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to accept this evening's agenda as posted. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Previous Months' Financial Statement

Treasurer Ciancio stated for the record that the financials look good overall. Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to table approval of the April financials and to approve them with the May financials at the June meeting, since two Board members are absent from this evening's meeting. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Correspondence

Chief Garner received a thank-you card in the mail from all the dispatchers at ADCOM, expressing their appreciation for the District and for the meals the District provided during Telecommunication Appreciation Week in April.

Chief Garner received a thank-you card from Victoria Hafele.

Assistant Secretary Domenico stated that Adams County Sheriff Gene Claps was very appreciative that the District was in attendance for the ACSO Fallen Officers memorial they held. Chief Garner stated that Engine 14 was at the service and Captain Martinez represented the District very well.

## Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

## New Business

### Welcoming of New Finance Director, Brooke Peterson

Chief Garner introduced the new District Finance Director, Brooke Peterson, to the Board of Directors. Chief Garner shared where Finance Director Peterson came from and discussed her extensive knowledge of government finance. Brooke introduced her husband and her three children to the Board and the rest of the District.

### Swearing in of New Fire Marshal, Aaron Huckstep

Chief Garner introduced the new Fire Marshal, Aaron Huckstep, to the Board and discussed his background and experience. His badge was pinned by his wife. Fire Marshal Huckstep introduced his wife and his two daughters to the Board and the District.

### Change in Status – Will Hasz and Reed Henderson

Chief Garner gave a brief speech about how Firefighters Hasz and Reed started at the District as firefighters, have completed the FTO process, and have been cleared to operate as Fire Medics for the District. Fire Medic Hasz had his badge pinned by his wife. Fire Medic Henderson's badge was pinned by his parents.

### Further Discussion regarding Possible Sales Tax Initiative

Chief Garner presented the Board with additional information regarding the exploration of a potential sales tax initiative. He stated that the District would like to hire a consultant, New Bridget Strategy, and a political company, Hansen Communications, to conduct voter education and feedback on this issue. Chief Garner stated that a survey will be sent out to 300 residents of the District. If the District hires a consultant, the intent is to have the results of a feedback survey shared with the Board at a special meeting in the later part of June.

After further discussion, Assistant Secretary Domenico made a motion to move forward with the New Bridge Strategy contract. Treasurer Ciancio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to move forward with the contract with Hansen Communications. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Garner stated that as part of the process, the District will need to inform the local municipalities in the area that the District that District is considering pursuing this initiative. Chief Garner stated that West Metro and Arvada are also studying potential sales tax initiatives, according to their respective fire chiefs.

## Chief's Report

Chief Garner stated that the North Area Fire Chiefs had another meeting with EDC and Central Square. Testing for the Rest API is happening at ADCOM and at Weld County's dispatch center

to get the two dispatching platforms to talk to each other. Chief Garner stated that there is another meeting scheduled for early June and he will update the Board at the next meeting.

Deputy Chief, Chief Wood stated that the EMS division is rolling out a new program, Whole Blood. A couple of the surrounding fire districts are also rolling out their whole blood programs.

Chief Wood also informed the Board that Chief Arson Investigator Chief Means will be traveling back to Maine in July to obtain another K-9 Arson dog for the District.

## Union Report

President Eason informed the Board that he did not have a written report this month, as not much is currently happening Union.

President Eason mentioned that the E-Board is working with Chief Staff to strengthen the organization.

President Eason stated that the CPFF is supporting SB26-184 that would cover all firefighters with no loopholes for cancer and mental health. He stated it is currently on the Governor's desk to sign.

## Attorney Report

Attorney Ferguson was virtual for this month's Board meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Attorney Ferguson informed the Board that in light of the fact the entire Board is not present, we will forgo discussion of a legal matter and will discuss it in Executive Session at next month's meeting.

Attorney Ferguson informed the Board that the Firm is working on their annual analysis of new legislative matters impacting special districts as the current legislative session wraps up, which will be sent later in the summer.

## Report from the Board

Vice President DeMattee – nothing to report

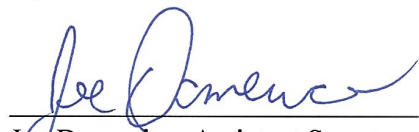
Treasurer Ciancio – nothing to report

Assistant Secretary Domenico – nothing to report

## Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Assistant Secretary Domenico and a second by Treasurer Ciancio, at 6:25 p.m.

  
Mike DeMattee, Vice President

  
Joe Domenico, Assistant Secretary