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. 69th Ave, Denver, CO 80229

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

Board Members Present

Ken Lombardi	President/Chairman
Michael DeMattee	Vice President
Mario Molinaro	Secretary
Ken Ciancio	Treasurer
Joe Domenico	Assistant Secretary

Also Present

Clinton Garner	Fire Chief
Mike Tavalez	Division Chief of Special Operations
Rob Haberer	Division Chief of EMS
Christina Marchese	Executive Assistant to the Chiefs
Michelle Ferguson	District Legal Counsel

Call to Order

Secretary Molinaro called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Welcome the Audience

President Lombardi welcomed all in attendance.

Moment of Silence

President Lombardi called for a moment of silence for the 68 fallen firefighters from across the US to date in 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Lombardi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary Molinaro made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from September 23rd, 2026. Treasurer Ciancio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Month's Financial Statement

Treasurer Ciancio made a motion to approve the September 2026 Financials as posted. Assistant Secretary Domenico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

No correspondence for this evening's meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

New Business

Change in Status – from Firefighter to Fire Medic, Joe Fields

Chief Garner stated that Firefighter Fields recently completed his field training to change his status to Fire Medic. Chief Garner provided some background on Firefighter Fields.

Unfortunately, Fire Medic Fields' family couldn't attend the Board meeting, so District HR Specialist Johnson pinned Fire Medic Fields' badge. Congratulations, Fire Medic Fields.

Draft 2027 Budget Discussion

Chief Garner stated for the record that the board was given a copy of the draft 2027 Budget. The packet included two budget proposals: one assuming the sales tax ballot measure fails and one assuming it passes. Chief Garner mentioned that the budget is still being adjusted and will share an updated budget packet with the Board soon. He also said the 2027 budget includes two additional positions: one for EMS and one for IT.

Attorney Ferguson stated that in November, the Board will hold public hearings on the proposed Amended 2026 Budget and the proposed 2027 Budget. She also mentioned that the Board will approve the final budget and certify the mill levy at the December Board meeting.

Chief's Report

President Lombardi mentioned that the Board likes the new packet format; it is very informative. Treasurer Ciancio said he liked the new financial format. Great job, everyone.

Chief Garner informed the Board that by the end of 2026, Boulder City, Boulder County, and Weld County will all be part of the CAD-2-CAD system, using a legacy link between all dispatch centers. He also mentioned that Jefferson County dispatch, Jeffcom, has a new director, and the CAD group will be reaching out to him to try and get Jefferson County in the CAD group.

President Lombardi said he attended some of the District's open houses, and they all seemed successful. Chief Garner mentioned that in 2027, the District will try to have one open house each quarter.

Union Report

Nothing to report currently.

Attorney Report

Attorney Ferguson told the Board that her office is working on several projects with ACFR staff members.

Attorney Ferguson mentioned that there is no new news to report regarding the lawsuit with South Adams County Water and Sanitation v. City of Denver. She did mention that Attorney Duke is reviewing the case and will provide oversight of insurance defense counsel as necessary.

Report from the Board

President Lombardi – nothing to report

Vice President DeMattee – nothing to report

Secretary Molinaro – 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 Secretary Molinaro and a second by Assistant Secretary Domenico at 6:13 pm.

Ken Lombardi, President

Mario Molinaro, Secretary