

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
9195 E. Mineral Avenue
Centennial, CO 80112

ATENDEES:

Present:

Board

Jim Albee, Chair
Renee Anderson, Vice Chair
William Shriver, Treasurer
Sue Roche, Secretary
Kevin Leung, Director
Rich Sokol, Director -
Phil McCart, Director

SMFR Executive Team

John Curtis, Fire Chief
Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Government Affairs Officer
Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services
Matt Weller, Deputy Chief – Internal Services
Stephanie Corbo – CFO Finance
Camie Chapman, Chief Human Resources Officer
Jake Mayhew, Deputy Chief - Operations
Bob Cole, Legal Counsel

Other Attendees

SMFR Staff

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albee called the Regular Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:29 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

ROLL CALL

All board members were in attendance and present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Secretary Roche motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Shriver seconded the motion to approve. 7 were in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chair Albee asked if there were any changes to conflict of interest affirmation:

- Director McCart – no changes
- Director Roche – no changes
- Director Anderson – no changes
- Chair Albee- no changes
- Director Shriver – no changes
- Director Sokol – no changes
- Director Leung – no changes

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 6, 2026, South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Director Sokol motioned to approve the April 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Director Leung second, 7 were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

2. April 20, 2026, South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Director Sokol motioned to approve the April 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Director Leung second, 7 were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

3. SMFR Resolution No. 2026-07: A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code within Unincorporated Jefferson County, Regulating and Governing the Safeguarding of Life and Property from Fire and Explosion Hazards Arising from the Storage, Handling and Use of Hazardous Substances, Materials and Devices, and from Conditions Hazardous to Life or Property in the Occupancy of Buildings and Premises in the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District; Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefor

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PRESENTATIONS

Bruce Stahlman Memorial/Anniversary Recognition – John Curtis, Fire Chief - South Metro Fire Rescue: The Board of Directors meeting opened with a heartfelt dedication to former Board member Bruce Stahlman in honor of the anniversary of his passing, recognizing his words, legacy, and lasting impact. His family, friends, and crew who stood by him in his final hours were present for the presentation of a commemorative plaque made in his honor, which will be permanently displayed in the South Metro Fire Rescue Headquarters boardroom.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Lobbyist Contract Renewal – Mike Dell’Orfano, Government Affairs Chief, South Metro Fire Rescue

Motion: Director Shriver motioned to approve the renewal of the Lobbyist contract. Secretary Roche second, 7 were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Fire Chief Performance Process – Camie Chapman, CHRO and Fire Chief Performance Committee – South Metro Fire Rescue: Renee Anderson, Vice Chair and Camie Chapman, CHRO, gave an overview of the Fire Chief performance review process, including new planning materials and explaining that the Fire Chief Performance Committee is working hard to make this process more organized and clearer.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Correspondence items in the Board’s packet are summarized below as well as other information items that were communicated:

1. April 27, 2026 - Large Fire Incidents – Jake Mayhew, Deputy Chief, Aaron Goedeker, Division Chief– South Metro Fire Rescue: Aaron Goedeker, Division Chief, provided a presentation highlighting multiple fires that occurred within a 24-hour period involving both A and B Shift crews. Incidents included the Santa Fe Tanker Fire, which involved multiple agencies and required strategic decision making due to environmental concerns and limited water supply; several residential basement fires, including those on Jackson Lane, Osprey Court, and South Detroit Street, many of which involved hoarding conditions, limited visibility, and elevated risk factors. Crews encountered significant operational challenges, including overlapping incidents, resource constraints, and hazardous conditions such as a lithium-ion battery requiring Hazmat intervention. The presentation emphasized the dangers associated with basement fires, including limited access, structural instability, and increased risk to firefighters, and highlighted the strong coordination among operations, fire prevention, logistics, and ARP teams in effectively managing these incidents. Chief Goedeker emphasized the organization demonstrated strong coordination, specifically with rehab, highlighting planning, coordination and safety protocols were effective under extreme conditions with no injuries and limited loss to property.

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Kevin Leung, Board Director, presented a discussion regarding the Zebulon Sports Complex project, including its specifications and the potential planning and fiscal impacts associated with growth in the Sterling Ranch area. The discussion also acknowledged increasing interest from external stakeholders, including the Sterling Ranch Metropolitan District and other parties. Following the discussion, the Board and staff determined that no action is required at this time beyond the current planning and development phase being managed by the Fire Marshal's Office.

Mike Dell'Orfano, Government Affairs Chief updated Board and Staff that the accreditation team will be conducting their site visit confirmed for May 31 through June 4, 2026, which will include dinner on May 31st and all board members are invited to attend, station visits, and a board member or two are invited to be part of the district tour team. More information will be provided as it confirmed. The accreditation team has also been invited to our June 1, 2026, board meeting.

John Curtis, Fire Chief, commended Stephanie Corbo, CFO's team and Operations, for their work to submit a proposal to purchase a South Metro Regional Firefighter Air & Emergency Scene Lighting Support Unit that would be funded through the Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending process. This is being sponsored by Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet. Decisions would come later in the year, or potentially in 2027. He emphasized the timing in lieu of the multiple fires SMFR encountered last week. Chief Curtis informed the Board and Staff that he would be speaking alongside Sheriff Darren Weekly, and other presenters on the Douglas County Fire Chiefs' Leadership panel, as well as participating in and speaking at the STEM School Remembrance walk on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Jake Mayhew, Deputy Chief, gave special thanks to the organization for all the recent emergency incident efforts across our 290 square miles, all on the same day. He expressed how impressive it is that we can provide that service.

Tyler Everitt, Fire Marshal gave gratitude for the support of the fire code adoption.

Phil McCart, Board Director gave thanks to Jim Albee, Board Chair, John Curtis, Fire Chief, Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Government Affairs Officer, and Scott Richardson, Division Chief for the most recent support and direction in his work with the City of Littleton and getting up to speed on our organization.

Renee Anderson, Vice Chair, announced that the Sheriffs' office recognized May 4th International Firefighter Day on their social media website, thanking all the firefighter organizations that they work with. She wished all a Happy Firefighter's Day.

Kevin Leung, Board Director thanked South Metro Fire Rescue and Station 43 on behalf of The Colorado Rapid Network for the use of Station 43's community room.

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Rich Sokol, Board Director informed that he was finally able to get in touch with the Arapahoe County Assessor at the State of the City event last week, after several attempts by both Director Sokol and Stephanie Corbo, CFO by phone with no return calls.

Jim Albee, Chair reminded Board and Staff of the hockey tournament on May 15th – May 18th at The Edge Ice Arena, 6623 S. Ward St. Littleton, CO 80127.

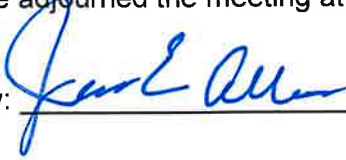
NEXT MEETINGS

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Albee adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Attested by: _____



Date: _____

Jun 1, 2026