

SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

**Meeting was held in person at Station 1, 630 2nd Street W, Sonoma, Ca. 95476
and via video conference for general public access.
Join by phone: 1-669-900-9128 | Meeting ID: 914 153 1767 | Meeting Passcode: 3300**

1. Call to Order

President Norton called meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board of Directors present: President William Norton, Vice President John (Matt) Atkinson, Treasurer Mark Johnson, Director Brian Brady, Director John Cooper, Director Mark Emery, and Director Robert Uboldi.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VP Atkinson and recited by all.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

Clerk Bettencourt noted the addition of an old business item to be heard. Tony Ghisla to update the Board on the current status of Station 6 funding.

5. Closed Session

Closed session was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

- a) Anticipated litigation conference with legal counsel (one case) - Govt Code section 54956.9(d)(4). There was no reportable action from this closed session item.
- b) 54957.69(a); Labor negotiations: There was no reportable action from this closed session item.

Closed session was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

6. Comments from the Public

Public and staff present/virtual: DC Andreis, DC Norrbom, CFO Jason, BC Cyr, BC Johnson, Capt. Lewis, Local 3593 President Derner, Tony Ghisla, and Jeff Katz with COAR.

No comments heard from the public.

7. Presentations

None

8. Consent Calendar

- a) The board reviewed and President Norton approved the meeting minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 12, 2026, with the correction of Director Emery was present and Director Brady was absent.

9. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

May 2026 Chief's Report attached and monthly activity reports are available on the District's website. <https://www.sonomavalleyfire.org/svfd-monthly-report>

10. Old Business

Tony updated the Board on the status of the bonding process with timeline. He is projecting the bonds will hit the market mid-July with an interest rate around 4.5% to 5%.

11. New Business

Public Hearing

*The Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution 2025/2026-14, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 preliminary budget; Resolution 2025/2026-15, to declare proposition 4 Limits for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and Resolution 2025/2026-16, to set the Districts Special Tax for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. **President Norton opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m., no public comment(s) were heard on the following items listed below. The Board discussed all three resolutions and Norton then closed public comment at 7:38 p.m.***

- a) President Norton motioned to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-13; adopting Sonoma Valley Fire District Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 and Director Emery seconded. **M/S/P – 7 ayes**
- b) Director Johnson motion to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-14; declaring Sonoma Valley Fire District's Proposition 4 limit for fiscal year 2026/2027 and Director Cooper seconded. **M/S/P – 7 ayes**
- c) Director Brady motioned to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-15; setting the special tax to be levied on each parcel of real property in the Sonoma Valley Fire District during fiscal year 2026/2027 and was seconded by VP Atkinson. **M/S/P – 7 ayes**
- d) DC Norrbom and Jeff Katz with COAR presented the board with the RFP for a Construction Manager at Risk for the Kenwood Station 6 project. The RFP is still under review with legal, but they are not expecting any changes. **M/S/P – 7 ayes**
- e) Director Emery motioned to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-16; ordering an election to be held and requesting a consolidated election on November 3, 2026. Director Cooper seconded. **M/S/P – 7 ayes**

12. Other Business to come before the Board

Chief Akre asked the Board if everyone was receiving the SCFDA emails and notified them of upcoming SB827 ethics and fiscal accountability requirements.

13. Comments from the Floor

None

14. Comments/Reports from the Board

Director Emery thanked Capt. Derner and Lewis for their in-depth reporting for training and vegetation management within the Chief's monthly report.

15. Adjournment

M/S Norton/Uboldi – 7 ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., to a regular Board meeting on July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in person with videoconference capabilities available to the public. *Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available at the following website: <http://sonomavalleyfire.org> under the Governance tab.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maci Bettencourt
Clerk of the Board