May 26, 2026

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

LOCATION: 990 E. MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK CA 92028

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Egkan, Munson, Pike, Reardon, and Shaw

ABSENT: None

ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: President Shaw requested a moment of silence for Memorial Day, in remembrance of all those who lost their lives serving in the armed forces.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief McReynolds, Counsel Steinke, DFC MacMillan, Finance Manager Rocha, HR Manager Goss, FM Fieri, DC August, BC Harrington, BC Bradshaw, IT Specialist Swanger, Board Clerk Canpinar, and members of the public both in person and virtually.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: President Shaw requested item #11 on the agenda, Captain Choi Proclamation and Valor Aware Recognition, take place right after public comment. There was no opposition.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Shaw inquired if there were any public comments regarding items not on the agenda. There being no public comment, the public activities portion of the agenda was closed.

11. **CAPTAIN CHOI PROCLAMATION AND VALOR AWARD RECOGNITION:** Chief McReynolds presented a proclamation and Medal of Valor award for Fire Captain John Choi in recognition of his courageous actions during a residential structure fire in Oceanside on April 26, 2026. While off duty, Captain Choi observed the fire, assisted with the evacuation of five adults and two pets, and took actions to help limit the spread of fire and smoke and prevent loss of life and injuries to the residents. On a motion by Director Munson seconded by Director Egkan, the Board unanimously adopted the proclamation and presented it and the valor award to Captain Choi.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION AGENDA

2. **CAPTAIN CHOI RECOGNITION:** Elected officials recognized Captain John Choi for his heroic actions during the residential structure fire in Oceanside on April 26, 2026. While off duty and driving home, Captain Choi observed smoke and fire coming from a residence and stopped to assist. He

alerted the occupants, helped family members safely evacuate, and closed interior doors to slow the spread of fire and smoke until responding crews arrived. As a result of his actions, all five occupants and two pets escaped without injury. Officials recognized Captain Choi for his courage, professionalism, and commitment to public safety.

RATIFICATION OF INFORMATION AGENDA

3. Warrant Register: Information only; no action required.
4. Operations Report: Information only; no action required.
5. Written Communication: Information only; no action required.
6. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2026**
8. **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** Revisions and updates to the Medical Service Officer job description.
9. **WAIVE THE FULL TEXT READING OF ALL ORDINANCES**
10. **RESOLUTION 2026-06: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET**

President Shaw inquired whether there were any questions or comments on consent items 7-10. There being no comments or questions, President Shaw then asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by Director Pike seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

12. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN APRIL 28, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. – TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-05 AND THE PROPOSED AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE:** President Shaw opened the hearing at 5:41 p.m. Chief McReynolds presented Resolution 2026-05 to the Board, reporting that California law authorizes public agencies to recover emergency medical service (EMS) costs through user fees. The proposed fee adjustment reflects the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI-U San Diego) increase of 2.6% for the 12-month period ending January 2026, consistent with the District's established methodology for ambulance rate adjustments. Staff noted that ambulance service fee revenue for FY 2026 was projected at approximately $4.3 million, with updated FY 2027 revenue projections to be presented to the Board in June 2026. Adoption of the resolution implements the adjusted ambulance rates effective July 1, 2026. At 5:43 p.m. after no public comment, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by President Shaw seconded by Director Egkan, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-05 and the associated ambulance fee schedule reflecting an implementation date of July 1, 2026.

13. **FIRE STATION #4 REPLACEMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 – GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE:** The Board considered approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 with TELACU Construction Management (TCM) to establish the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for construction of the Fire Station #4 Replacement Project. Brandon Hamlett of Hamlett construction reported that following completion of

the design phase, the project underwent a rebid process due to required redesigns to achieve compliance with federal Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements. The revised GMP amendment totals $12,640,463, bringing the total GMP contract amount to $13,365,138, including preconstruction and design services. Approval of the GMP allows TCM to secure subcontractor and vendor pricing and continue procurement activities but does not authorize construction to begin. Construction will commence only after all required permits, agency approvals, completion of the federal NEPA process, and issuance of Notices to Proceed. The project is anticipated to be funded through a combination of a federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant, Fire Mitigation Fees, District Capital Facility Reserves, and debt financing, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin this summer pending all approvals. Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Egkan seconded Vice President Reardon, the motion to approve a second contract amendment with TELACU Construction Management on the Fire Station #4 Replacement Project to establish the guaranteed maximum price for construction of $13,365,138.00 passed unanimously.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: Counsel Steinke provided an overview of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* and its potential implications for the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), noting that the ruling increases scrutiny of race-based district maps and may create constitutional challenges for aspects of the CVRA. The Board was advised that jurisdictions using district-based elections, including the North County Fire Protection District, may need to reassess districting practices and consider future actions regarding their election systems.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS SECTION - STAFF:

CHIEF MCREYNOLDS:

- Thanked Staff who attended Vintage Car Club for their support/contribution to a successful event.
- Expressed appreciation to Directors Egkan and Shaw, and DFC MacMillan for their attendance at the FDAC conference in Monterrey, CA.
- BC DeCamp will give a presentation on the Fire Integrated Real-Time System (FIRIS) at the June board meeting.
- Discussed aligning with the state on vegetation management projects within the District
    - Working with CAL FIRE to identify project opportunities
    - Considering inclusion of roadway in vegetation management efforts
    - Exploring grant opportunities for collaboration with CAL FIRE
- Reported on recent fire incidents
    - Mission Fire caused by a catalytic converter
    - Recent residential fires attributed to lawnmowers

BC BRADSHAW: Provided probationary employee updates, reported on recent fires, and provided an update on the status of a hazard mitigation plan with OES. **BC HARRINGTON:** Training updates included ACLS training, CPR training, ventilation, and helicopter training. Directors are to reach out if they are interested in attending the ventilation training. **FM FIERI:** As of today, 7000 defensible space inspections have been completed, with only 129 notices being sent out on June 1. **DC AUGUST:** An RFP has been put out for a Cost-of-Service Study. There will be a booth staffed a the Center for Senior Well Being at their Healthy Living Fair. The Roy Noon Meeting Hall renovation should be completed in approximately 3 weeks. **HR MANAGER GOSS:** The Medical Services Officer recruitment has been posted. The paperwork for the Neighborhood Investment Grant has been submitted. A first meeting was held with an employee group to discuss 457 investment plan options. **FINANCE MANAGER ROCHA**: The preliminary budget will be brought to the board in June. The annual investment policy is being reviewed to make sure it is in line with state code and provides the best return on investments. An RFP for banking services will be in the works soon. **DFC MACMILLAN**: Recognized BC Bradshaw for a swift vegetation response. Announced the upcoming Oceanside and Vista Ignite Your Potential Women's Empowerment Summit will be held the weekend of June 6 at three different North Zone locations. Parent's Night will take place on June 7 at 4 p.m. at Vista Station 1.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS SECTION – DIRECTORS AND OTHERS:

PIKE: Thank you to Board Clerk Canpinar for her attendance at the last CSDA quarterly chapter dinner. The next NCDJPA meeting is tomorrow, May 27. **DIRECTOR REARDON**: Attended a wildfire drill simulation at Station 5 with DFC MacMillan and BC Bradshaw. **DIRECTOR SHAW**: No additional comment. **DIRECTOR MUNSON**: No additional comment. **DIRECTOR EGKAN**: No additional comment. **BARGAINING GROUPS - FF/PM LIAN:** Recognized Captain Choi for his work ethic, noting he volunteers with Murrieta Fire and Rescue. The Demolition Derby fundraiser is approaching; the Derby supports the Burn Institute. With general membership meeting today and negotiations on the horizon, Local 1622 anticipates a collaborative and productive partnership with District representative and the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:21 p.m. President Shaw inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to closed session. On a motion by Director Pike seconded by President Shaw there was no objection to adjournment. President Shaw read the items to be discussed in closed session and open session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the closed session items. At 6:35 p.m. the Board entered closed session to hear:

CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT – PRESIDENT SHAW:

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GC §54957): Fire Chief

<u>CS-3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (GC §54957.6):</u> Agency Representative: Counsel Steinke and Counsel Burns of BW&S. Employee Organizations: Safety, Miscellaneous, Single-Role Paramedics, & Management Group Employees.

<u>CS-4. Report from Closed Session – President Shaw:</u>

<u>Reopening to Open Session:</u>

On a motion by Director Pike seconded by Director Egkan which passed unanimously, the Board returned to open session at 8:26 p.m. and the following items were reported out to the public:

<u>CS-2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (GC §54957):</u> There was no reportable action.

<u>CS-3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (GC §54957.6):</u> There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:29 p.m. by Director Pike seconded by President Shaw to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on June 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mavis Canpinar

Board Clerk

Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: 6/30/25