

ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The following Director(s) will be attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location(s):

Director Willis – Bel Jou Hotel, Rm 407, La Pansee, Castries, St. Lucia

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by: Director Taylor

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance by: Firefighter Kyle Setter

Invocation by: Director Taylor

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by: Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Willis

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

4. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Fire Chief Brian Boggeln announced Firefighter Jason Smith as Employee of the Year for 2025. Firefighter Jason Smith goes above and beyond the normal firefighter duties, he is our EMS coordinator. He brought all our CEs in-house, and has great contacts with doctors and staff that come in. He's brought new technology including the intubation camera (CMAC). Mentors our new and experienced paramedics who reach out to him to run calls and ask questions seeking his advice. He represents the district at zone and county EMS meetings. Jason Smith is highly respected by fellow firefighters and was nominated by fellow firefighters.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

A letter from the Alpine Firefighters Association Local 2638 was entered into the Public Comment Record (attached) to extend an honorable mention and support Gregory O'Gorman to the position of Assistant Fire Chief.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve consent calendar by: Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Paskle

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

6.1. Board Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2025

6.2. District Financial Reports

6.3. Monthly Incident Report

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7. PUBLIC HEARING #2 – OPENED 5:08 PM

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WHICH ADOPTS THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Fire Marshall Jason McBroom advised no changes from the Alpine Fire Protection District from the first hearing to the second hearing with no comments from the County of San Diego. The document presented is the document that we would like to move forward with a vote.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 CLOSED 5:08 PM

8. PUBLIC HEARING #2 – OPENED 5:09 PM

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WHICH ADOPTS THE 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Fire Marshall Jason McBroom is happy to report the Alpine Fire Protection District has no additional comments, changes, or deviations to report. There will be no changes moving forward with the County of San Diego consolidated wildland interface code at this point will move to adoption.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 CLOSED 5:10 PM

9. AGENDA ITEMS

9.1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-01

Motion to approve Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-01 by: Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Paskle

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

9.2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-02

Motion to approve Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-02 by: Director Willis

Second by: Director Mehrer

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

9.3. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Financial Audit

Presented to the Board last month, no comments.

Motion to accept by: Director Mehrer

Second by: Director Paskle

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

9.4. Discussion and Possible Action: Staff Recommendation to Enter into a Contract with Southwest Mechanical Services for the Station 17 HVAC Project.

Fire Chief Boggeln reported that a total of six bids were received. Two submissions were determined to be nonresponsive or non-conforming. The remaining four bids

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were evaluated by staff, with consideration given to each bidder's understanding of the scope of work, the overall value of the proposed HVAC unit, references, experience, and pricing. The qualified bids ranged from \$115,000 to \$122,000, with two clustered near \$119,000. Southwest Mechanical received the highest overall score, and staff believe they provide the best value for the project. Director Taylor disclosed that he is personal friends with the company's President but holds no financial interest. The district's legal counsel confirmed that this relationship does not constitute a conflict of interest, as the connection is solely a personal friendship within a small community and involves no financial or business ties; the only requirement is full disclosure. Director Paskle also noted that he is familiar with the owner and the district's legal counsel stated the same conditions exist as do for Director Taylor. Fire Chief Boggeln emphasized that no Board members participated in the bid evaluation process, as all assessments were completed solely by administrative staff.

Motion to approve Staff Recommendation to Enter into a Contract with Southwest Mechanical Services for the Station 17 HVAC Project by: Director Willis

Second by: Director Mehrer

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

10. REPORTS

10.1. Board of Directors

Nothing to report.

10.2. Fire Chief

Fire Chief Boggeln noted tomorrow from 8:30-10:30 am the engine/squad will be at Starbucks for Coffee with the Firefighters. Reminder former Board member Jim Easterlings Memorial December 12th. FRMS Meeting in Sacramento on 11/20 for the day. Will be on vacation from December 12th-19th and will not be available for next Board Meeting. Fire Marshal Jason McBroom will be leading next month's Board Meeting.

10.3. Fire Marshal

Coloring Contest for the Schools for Fire Prevention month, the winners will come to the fire station on December 10th from 11-1 pm for Pizza and Ice Cream with the Firefighters. On December 2nd he will be participating in the kickoff for the Office of Emergency Services 2028 Multi Hazard Jurisdictional Grant Program. This will be our third time participating, looking forward to the discussions. Conducting business inspections/reviewing plans. We will be releasing the No Burn, Burn Permits will resume on Friday November 21st at 8 am.

10.4. Alpine Firefighters Association – Local 2638

Firefighter Colby Ross wanted to extend his support to Gregory O'Gorman to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Congratulations to Firefighter Jason Smith for employee of the year. Captain Lavigne discussed recent emergency incidents in the district.

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Fire Chief Boggeln reminded staff the Holiday Party has moved to December 12th.

11. CLOSED SESSION - Board entered Closed Session at 5:23 pm

11.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code Section 54957)

District Representatives: Director Taylor, Director Paskle

Unrepresented Employee: Assistant Fire Chief Gregory O’Gorman

Out of closed session at 5:31 pm

Direction Given; No Action Taken

12. Approval of MOU between the Alpine Fire Protection District and the Assistant Fire Chief

Motion to approve the MOU between the Alpine Fire Protection District and the Assistant Fire Chief by: Director Paskle

Second by: Director Mehrer

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

13. ADJOURNMENT 5:35 pm

Motion to Adjourn by: Director Mehrer Second by: Director Willis

Roll Call Vote: Taylor, Mehrer, Paskle, and Willis (Via Teleconference)

Absent: Cromwell

Minutes Approved:	
	<u>12/16/25</u>
Tim Mehrer, Board Secretary	Date

*NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 16, 2025
5:00 P.M. – 1364 TAVERN ROAD, ALPINE, CA 91901*



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Honorable Directors,

On behalf of the Alpine Firefighters Association, Local 2638, I am writing to formally convey our strong support for the proposed appointment of **Gregory O’Gorman** to the position of **Assistant Fire Chief** with the Alpine Fire Protection District. Local 2638 endorses this decision with the utmost confidence and conviction.

Greg O’Gorman has played a significant and positive role in the continued development of our agency over many years. His history of service consists of being a 25-year Alpine resident, a 15-year former employee of the district, and a long-standing member of our community. Greg has provided himself with a comprehensive understanding of district operations, financial considerations, union objectives, and the unique hazards and needs of the citizens we serve.

Beyond his deep institutional knowledge, Greg’s record as a veteran of the armed forces, the fire district, and our local community exemplifies his unwavering dedication to public safety, collaboration, and service. His professionalism, leadership, and ability to work effectively with others make him exceptionally well-suited for this role.

Local 2638 stands ready to partner with Assistant Chief O’Gorman and remains committed to working together in support of our mission and our community. We respectfully request your full consideration of our position and confidence in his appointment so that, collectively, we may continue providing the high-quality service the Alpine community deserves.

Humbly,

Shane Ozbirn
President, Alpine Firefighters Association
Local 2638



