

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

January 13, 2026, Minutes

Tina Holum- Board Chair, Randy Rossi-Vice Chair, Scott de Bie-Secretary, Tony Marcaccio-Director, Candance Flaming-Director
January 13th, 2026, 6:00 PM meeting was conducted in person at 7061 Mt. Aukum Rd. Somerset, CA 95684.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

1.1 Roll Call Present – Directors de Bie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum

Absent: Director Flaming

Administration: Chief Whitt, Admin Vierra & Telfer, Captain Walsh, FF Self

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Marcaccio

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

(M/S) Rossi/Marcaccio

Passed 4/0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Open Forum)

3.1 None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Administration recommends the BOD approve: Minutes from December 9, 2025, Board Meeting

4.2 Administration recommends BOD approve: Payment of Bills – green sheets for December 2025

(M/S) Marcaccio/deBie

Passed 4/0

5. MONTHLY/STANDING ACTIVITY REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5.1 Administrative/Chief's Report

Chief Whit gave a brief overview of the Chief's report as printed in the board packet

TO: Pioneer Fire Protection District Board of Directors
FROM: David Whitt, Fire Chief
PREPARED BY: David Whitt, Fire Chief
DATE: January 13, 2026
ITEM: January Board of Director's Meeting: Chief's Report for the Month of December
RECOMMENDATION: Receive information about the District

Calls For Service in August:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>December</u>
Fire	3
Rescue and Emergency Medical	43
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	2
Service Call (Public Assist)	5
Cover other districts stations	0
Good Intent	
False Alarm	2
TOTAL	53
Fire Loss Total	\$ Unknown

Apparatus

- All apparatus are still doing well ... maintenance is being done and kept up.

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- Radio transmission and receiving issues are being addressed ... cabling and antennae are being replaced.
- WT 38 is still cross staffed with on duty personnel.

Facilities

- The RFP for Station 31 apparatus structure did not receive any bids. Will address in the future once we confirm the approval from Cal OES (requested an alternative project proposal for swap funding from Station 31 structure to a piece of apparatus).
- The partial roof replacement for Willow School has been completed. We will be looking at estimates for entire roof replacement in the future.

Personnel

- We have a list of qualified persons for Firefighter should an opening occur along with a pool of Shift Volunteers for us to augment staffing.
- Staff will be finalizing a Probationary Firefighter evaluation process for future assessments.

Administration

- We have established a draft of our Wildly Important Goals (WIG's) with staff.
- The Tablet Command Project is continuing to progress, and training will begin in late January.
- Following up with CIRA to ensure we are on target for transfer of our insurance needs to their JPA.
- Revisited our Mission, Vision, and Core Values to present to the Board in February. We have developed a cleaner, simpler product for all to guide our decision-making processes.

Operations

- An inventory of our needs in preparation for the upcoming fire season of 2026 continues along with our current and future training needs. Will be finalizing in coordination with our WIG's to meet and support our Mission, Vision, and Core Values.

OPTIONS: The Chief's Report is for informational purposes. The Board of Directors may take one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Provide Staff with comment.
- 2) Provide Staff with additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT: As noted in the report.

ACTION PLAN: None.

RELATED ACTION(S): None.

5.2 Local #4586

Captain Walsh -

5.3 PVFA

Bingo nights are very successful with over 55 people at last event. Next Bingo is Feb 5th 2026. Doors open at 5PM, First game starts at 6PM. The PVFA general meeting is Feb 3rd at 6PM. Sweetheart Dinner and Dance with live music is Feb 13th Doors open at 5:30PM

5.4 Affiliated Organization Reports.

Sandridge Fire Safe Council - Elisabeth Standeven reported that the Sandridge Fire Safe Council was awarded a grant for education and outreach and asked for ideas/direction from the district on what should be covered.

5.5 Financial

Chief Whitt reviewed financials as provided in the board packet.

5.6 Standing Finance Committee Report

No Financial meeting was held this month.

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6 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Station 31 Building Project

Chief Whitt provided update – Still in process

6.2 Winery Water Access

Still in process.

6.3 Drafting Hydrants

Chief Whitt gave update- a prototype has been installed at D’Agostini Pond. Chief Whitt extended invitation to the board and public to see it in action when it is ready to go.

6.4 Landing Zones

Chief Whitt gave brief update- one more load is need at the Grizzly Flats site.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Seek Board Direction on Purchasing Used Pick-up Truck

Chief Whitt gave the board an overview of the need for the board to provide him with the purchasing authority up to \$25000.00 to cover the cost for a minimum of 2 used pick-up trucks.

Motion to provide Chief Whitt purchasing authority up to \$25000.00 to cover the cost of no more than 3 used pick-up trucks

(M/S) Rossi/Marcaccio

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: deBie, Marcaccio, Rossi, Holum

Nay: 0

Absatin:0

Absent: Flaming

Passed 4/0

OPEN SESSION CLOSED 6:34PM

8 CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION OPENED 6:38PM

8.1 Labor Negotiation (MOU) Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54957.6, conference between District negotiators and Local #4586

Board Provided Chief Whitt authorization to negotiate on behalf of the District with the Local # 4586

CLOSED SESSION CLOSED 7:11PM

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION 7:11PM

9 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS (GOOD OF THE ORDER)

None

10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

All usual items

11 ADJOURNMENT– Motion to Adjourn

(M/S) deBie/Rossi: 4/0 Meeting adjourned 7:12PM

THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.