



# Chaffee County Fire Protection District

199 Antero Circle  
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Poncha Springs Town Hall: 330 Burnett Ave., Poncha Springs, CO  
And Via Zoom Conference  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6560320649?pwd=YVNqVDhOQmNQdjVPOElkaE81Q2xzdz09>  
**Meeting ID: 656 032 0649**  
**Phone Number: (346) 248-7799**  
**Passcode: 1976**

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Brown.

- **Attendance**

<u>Board of Trustees:</u>	<u>Office:</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
Seat 1 – Scott Leonard	Trustee	5/2022 <i>via Zoom</i>
Seat 2 – Thomas Navarrette	Vice-President	5/2022
Seat 3 – Stuart Langrehr	Trustee	5/2022 <i>via Zoom</i>
Seat 4 – Mary Brown	President	5/2023
Seat 5 – Cathryn Bishop	Treasurer	5/2023 <i>absent, excused</i>
VFFR 1 – Hilary Hastings	Trustee	1/2023
VFFR 2 – Zack Austin	Trustee	1/2022

<u>Staff:</u>		
Robert Bertram	Fire Chief	
Kira Jones	Administrative Assistant	<i>via Zoom</i>
Dino Ross	Legal Counsel	

*Vice-President Navarrette moved to excuse the absence of Trustee Bishop. Trustee Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- **Additions/Deletions and of Agenda**

*Vice-President Navarrette moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Hastings seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- **Review and approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 Regular Pension Board Meeting**

*Trustee Hastings moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 Regular Pension Board Meeting as presented. Vice-President Navarrette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**OPEN SESSION**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Review and Consider Request for Pension from Mr. William Cordova**

Chief Bertram presented Mr. William Cordova's request for 20-year pension starting June 1, 2021. Discussion followed. Chief Bertram certified for the Board the Mr. Cordova had meet the requirements for a 20 year pension.

*Vice-President Navarrette moved to authorize regular payments for a 20-year pension starting February 01, 2022 in the amount of \$440.00 as well as a one-time retroactive payment for pension from June 01, 2022 thru January 01, 2022 in the amount of \$3520.00. Trustee Leonard seconded. Motion passed; President Brown abstained from the vote.*

- **No Retroactive Payments as of Jan 01, 2022**

After discussing the matter and seeking advice of legal counsel, the Board directed that legal counsel prepare an amendment to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Volunteer Pension Board that states that as of January 04, 2022 no retroactive pension payment would be granted regardless of prior practices or actions of the Pension Board.

- **Christopher Stromer Pension Certification**

Chief Bertram presented the discussion from the Officer's meeting regarding Christopher Stromer's training hours. He asked if the Board would accept all of Mr.

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Stromer's training hours towards pension certification, even those obtained as a member of the staff.

*Trustee Austin moved to accept all training hours towards Christopher Stromer's pension certification. President Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- **Pension Certification Letter**

Chief Bertram presented the 2021 Pension Certification Letter. Discussion followed.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- **Review available statements and balance sheets**

Chief Bertram and Administrative Assistant Jones presented the available balance sheets and statements. Discussion followed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Proposed Updated Bylaws**

Chief Bertram advised that legal counsel has prepared the proposed updated Pension Board Bylaws. He advised that the committee had not had a chance to meet but had plans to have this issue completed and ready for the April meeting.

#### **RECESS AND RECONVENE MEETING**

President Brown recessed the Pension Board meeting at 7:46 pm. President Brown reconvened the Pension Board meeting at 8:05 pm.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- **No Retroactive Payments as of Jan 04, 2022**

Attorney Ross presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund.

*Trustee Austin moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund as presented. Trustee Langrehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

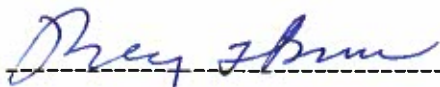
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*Vice-President Navarrette moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

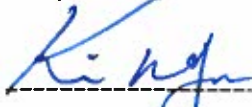
Chairperson Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

#### APPROVAL

We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.



Mary Brown, Board President



Kira Jones, Secretary to the Board

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