



Divide Fire Protection District

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Notice of Special Meeting

pursuant to CRS § 32-1-903(2):

The Divide Fire Protection District will hold a special meeting of the Board:

Date: September 9th, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Shoemaker Station, 103 Cedar Mountain Road

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order / Roll Call
- 2) Review and Approve Agenda
- 3) Executive Session - Executive Session to receive legal advice on outstanding personnel matters and status of legal representation pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S
- 4) Any Action Necessary Related to the Above Topic
- 5) Adjournment

Teams Meeting Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26386332492774?p=zAYojQoAl9HbOu3Xfo>



DIVIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Shoemaker Fire Station, 103 Cedar Mountain Road (Mail: PO Box 941), Divide Colorado, 80814
September 9th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board President Lopez called to order the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Divide Fire Protection District (DFPD) at 5:35 p.m.

Director Franke called roll with the following present:

Steed Lopez – President
Robert Reynolds – Vice-President
Peter Atwater – Treasurer
Dennis Luttrell – Director
Patricia Franke – Secretary

Director Lopez noted that a quorum of board members was present in person.

Director Franke noted there are no other parties in the room

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review & Approve Agenda

MOTION: By Director Franke to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Director Reynolds **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

4. Executive Session to receive legal advice on outstanding personnel matters and status of legal representation pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S

MOTION: Director Lopex

SECOND: Director Franke **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

Executive Session Commenced at 5:38pm.

Legal Counsel Michelle Ferguson of Ireland Stapleton joined via secure Teams call.

Executive Session Closed and Open Session Resumed at 7:43pm

5. Action Following Executive Session

MOTION: By Director Franke to explore and hire 3rd party investigator to investigate open employee grievances.

SECOND: Director Reynolds **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Discussion Topics

October Meeting Discussion – Director Atwater discussed proximity to initial posting deadline. Board reiterated that the September 22 meeting was cancelled and would not take place. Director Atwater discussed the process for budget proposal, where Chief would own the proposal and work individually with various board members to obtain feedback prior to October meeting.

Motion: Director Franke to move first October meeting to October 6th to allow additional time for budget refinement prior to public posting and notice, and accommodate director schedules.

SECOND: Director Atwater **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

5 Year Plan - Director Reynolds discussed that a meeting is coming up on September 14 to begin working and drafting the plan. Director Franke requested comprehensive facility review be part of the planning process.

General Counsel Representation– Director Lopez will continue to reach out to prospective counsel and invite them to upcoming meetings for discussion with the board regarding obtaining new counsel.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: By Director Franke

SECOND: Director Lutrell **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

APPROVAL

We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Divide Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Araceli Lopez President 10/6/26 _____/_____/_____
Name and Title Date

[Signature] Vice President 10/6/26 _____/_____/_____
Name and Title Date