



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,  
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District  
Special Meeting  
March 31, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Thomas Whiteman.
2. **Roll Call**
  - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Chairperson Tom Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed were present, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score attended telephonically. Chairperson Whiteman acknowledged that a quorum was met.
  - B. **Board Members Absent** – No Board Member was absent.
  - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** - No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Fire Chief Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – None
5. **Possible Executive Session: Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3) Discussion or Consideration of employment and Legal Advice on the following issue: Fire Chief Steinberg’s employment.** Board Clerk Reed moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A) (1) and (3). Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:  
In favor – Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.  
Opposed – none  
Motion carried

\*\* The room of cleared at 6:03 pm.

\*\* Special Meeting returned to order at 6:49 pm

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**6. New Business**

**A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding Fire Chief Steinberg's employment.**

Chief Steinberg Thanks the Board and District for his time as Chief, but it is with heavy heart he hands in his resignation effective April 14, 2020. Following discussion and comments by each Board Member, Board Clerk Reed moved to accept Fire Chief Steinberg's resignation effective April 14, 2020. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.

Abstained – Board Member Albert Koester

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**7. Requests from board members for future agenda items.**

**A.** Board Clerk Reed would like to call a Special Meeting to appoint an Interim Fire Chief, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

**8. Adjournment.**

Board Clerk Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Allen