



SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting September 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM. by Board Chair Nancy Tucker.
2. **Roll Call**
 - A. **Attendance** Board Chair Nancy Tucker, Board Member Charles Reed, Board Member Robert Fino and Board Member Olivia Beemer.
 - B. **Board Members Absent** –Board Clerk James Meister
 - C. **Staff in attendance** – Fire Chief Levi Garner, Admin Bookkeeper Nancy Sowards.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Board Member Robert Fino led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** –Multiple community members attended the meeting
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Acceptance of the August Bank Statements.**
 - i. August Bank Statements Following Discussion Board Member Charlie Reed made a motion to approved and Board Member Olivia Beemer seconded the motion.
Vote: All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. **Approval of Minutes –**
 - i. **July 10, 2026, Special Meeting.**
 - ii. **August 11, 2026, Budget Work Session**
 - iii. **August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting**
Following Discussion Board Member Olivia Beemer made a motion to approve all three items. Board Member Charlie Reed seconded the motion
Vote: All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Call to Public** –Request To Speak Thomas Whiteman, Annette Burns-Cowell, Jo Petersen, Lisa Le, Dee Heilman-VFW, Sandra Johnsey, Michael Iazzelta, and Elizabeth Hawkins
7. **Financial Report**
 - A **Review, discuss and possible approval of the financials for August 2026.**
Fire Chief Levi Garner provided financial report.

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Following discussion, Board Member Robert Fino made a motion to approved Board Member Charlie Reed seconded the motion.

Vote: All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Fire Chief's Report – The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Chief Levi Garner.

9. Budget Hearing

A. Hearing regarding amended budget for fiscal year 2026/2027 Following Discussion Chair of the Board, Nancy Tucker, opened the budget hearing to the community. Community members expressed concerns regarding the locations where the budget was posted and requested more detailed line-item information. Community members also requested access to previous years' budgets and asked that Board expenses be presented with more specific and detailed amounts. Board Members confirmed that no other changes have been made since the last work session. Board Chair Nancy Tucker then closed the budget hearing.

10. Old Business

A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding Policy updates chapter 100.

Tabled until October 13, 2026

Vote: Board Member Robert Fino made a motion to approve, and Board Member Olivia Beemer seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, discuss and possible action regarding 2026/2027 Budget revision.

Following Discussion Board Member Olivia Beemer made a motion to approved and Board Member Charlie Reed seconded the motion.

Vote: All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business.

A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding renewals of all contracted services. Board Chair, Nancy Tucker, opened the discussion to the Board. She suggested that the Board review the items with the soonest upcoming renewal dates. Chief Garner recommended that the district remain with the current providers for ImageTrend and Vector Scheduling, noting that the startup and onboarding costs associated with changing providers could be significant. Chief Garner recommended leaving these services as they are. The Board discussed property liability insurance and the need to explore alternative options. Chief Garner stated that the district's broker is currently working on the property liability insurance. Additionally, the District has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026, with another party that has expressed interest in providing insurance services to the district. Audit is next March or April. Collections Chief's Garner stated that the district completes it's engagement

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letter in April. He was unsure about the status of collections but stated that he would investigate.

B. Review, discuss and possible action regarding October 24, 2026, Open House.

Following Discussion **Silent Auction/Raffle:** 13–14 items confirmed, with 4–5 additional items being considered. **Item Planning:** One additional person is needed to work with Board Chair Nancy Tucker to determine which items will be silent auction items, raffle items, and door prizes. **Awards:** Two awards will be given—Chief’s Choice and Public Vote. **Music:** Discuss new music ideas for the event. **Recognition:** Recognize former and retired firefighters and first responders during the Open House. **Food Drive:** Ask attendees to bring one canned good item to donate. **Next Work Session:** Friday, September 11, 2026, at 12:00 PM.

12. Announcements and updates from the Board Chair. – Reminder to change assigned passwords; see Chief Garner for help. AFTA: Chief Garner nominated as Southeastern AZ representative; Chair Nancy Tucker appointed to the Arizona Fire District Association. Assessment survey due Friday, September 11, 2026. Next AFTA training moved to Tucson, first week of January 2027. Nancy and Charlie will work on agenda and minutes templates.

13. Requests from Board members for future agenda items Following Discussion Discussed current broker information and possible new broker and quote. Received report from the Open House work session. Discussed posting information in additional locations. Discussed department cell phones and tablets.

14. Adjournment: Board Member Charlie Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm. Board Member Olivia Beemer seconded the motion.

Vote: All Board Members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sowards