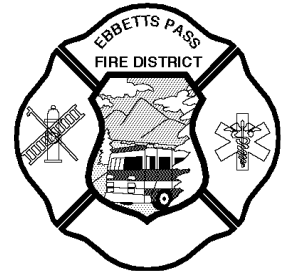


Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES Board of Directors July 21, 2026 Approved 08/18/26

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with additional accommodation for the public through the use of Zoom Meetings. Board President Jon Vattuone called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Denny Clemens
Jon Dashner
Scott McKinney
Jon Vattuone

Directors absent: Michael Barr

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson, Cheryl Howard, Andrea Ramirez
James Crabtree, Nick Landuyt, Rodney Rodr, Glenn Verkerk
Alex Baker, Sean Bitner, Eric Griffiths, Joe Peter

Public present:

Others present via Zoom: Erin Felby

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** – None

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to accept Consent Items 3.1. and 3.2. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone Absent: Barr).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Clemens & Vattuone)
Chief Johnson reviewed the financial information.

4.2. Personnel/Safety Committee (Directors Clemens & Barr)
Chief Johnson reported, no new injuries and a couple of applications have come in for the open Firefighter-Paramedic position. The Fire Prevention Officer position was offered to Jim Mckeen and he has accepted the position.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors McKinney & Vattuone)
Chief Johnson explained Josilyn Layton has been discovering how neighboring counties handle their short-term vacation rental inspections.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors McKinney & Clemens)
Chief Johnson stated at the end of July a handful of our staff will be attending a final overview/review of our fire engine in Wisconsin.

4.5. Station 3 Construction Committee (Directors Barr & Alternate Clemens)
Chief Johnson explained this topic will be discussed later during the meeting.

5. Scheduled Items

- 5.1. Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority
Chief Johnson presented the 2026-27 annual insurance premium coverage for buildings and fleet for the District.
- 5.2. County of Calaveras Elections Department
Chief Johnson reminded Mr. McKinney and Mr. Clemens about the upcoming election for their positions and the deadline for registering is August 7, 2026.
- 5.3. Special District Risk Management Authority
Chief Johnson gave an update about the workers' compensation premium for the current fiscal year and stated this has gone up from last year and may continue to do so for various reasons over the coming years.
- 5.4. Policy 6319: Personnel-Position Description: Paid Battalion Chief:
Chief Johnson requested the item be tabled until next meeting August 18, 2026.
- 5.4. Intra-Account Budget Transfer-End of Fiscal Year 2025-26
Chief Johnson presented the draft intra-account worksheet to the Board noting that the District remains within their budgeted amount for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve Intra-Account Budget Transfer as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
- 5.5. California Public Employees' Retirement System:
Chief Johnson briefly explained two investment strategies to the Board of Directors. Chief Johnson suggested depositing \$740,000 which is equivalent to one year's CalPERS pension current contribution. Mr. Clemens questioned whether it is an option to select both strategies. Chief Johnson assured him that is an option. Mr. Clemens made a motion to deposit \$370,000 in Strategy 1 and \$370,000 in Strategy 2. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
 - 5.5.1 Resolution No. 2026-7: California Public Employee's Retirement System
Mr. Clemens made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-7. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Barr).
- 5.6. New Station 3 updates:
Chief Johnson examined the rough draft estimate from Capital Project Management for Station 3., The District had not anticipated the excessive excavation work and subsequent costs for the building and is looking at other options to fulfill a new Station 3 more within our budget.
- 5.7. Federal Emergency Management Agency: Amendment to the Denial Grant
Chief Johnson clarified the steps that have been taken to receive and maintain this grant to help pay for the fire engine. Chief Johnson is hopeful that the denial will be reconsidered after reaching out to multiple individuals for assistance in the matter.6. **REPORTS**
 - 6.1. Administrative Report
Chief Johnson reported that Calaveras County Board of Supervisors presented a preliminary budget with a reduction to all the Calaveras County fire districts revenue allocations for Proposition 172 and Transient Occupancy Tax for the fiscal year 2026-27.
 - 6.2. Legislative Report
Assembly Bill 1383 is proposed to create a new tier for PEPRAs employees, California Special Districts Association is opposing the bill.
 - 6.3. Administrative - EMS
Chief Johnson noted that we are in compliance with Mountain Counties EMS Agency

data exchange.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

Mr. Clemens stated that there are some upcoming challenges in the future. Mr. Dashner gave a special thank you to the staff for his personal transport and professionalism the staff showed during his time of need.

7.2. Firefighters Association

Glenn Verkerk reported a gross of \$8,000 from the beer booth over 4th of July weekend. Alex Baker reported the Firefighter Association's raffle donations are approximately \$67,000.

7.3. Employees' Group

Glenn Verkerk advised the Board that there has been a good transition with the newly elected President, Vice President, and Secretary.

7.4. Public Comments

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Vattuone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Vattuone; ABSENT: Vattuone). 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ramirez
District Secretary