

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 2, 2023 3:30 p.m.
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Vicki Cox-Golder called the meeting to order on February 2, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Vicki Cox-Golder, Board Vice-Chair Richard Hudgins, Board Clerk Wally Vette, Board Member Steve Brady, and Board Member Sandi Outlaw

Staff Present: Fire Chief Karrer, HR Director Delong, Attorney Aversa, Assistant Chief Brandhuber and Board Services Supervisor Ortiz

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented at this time.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S FIRE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS AND FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT.
NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO §38-431.03(C).
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE GRFD FIRE CHIEF RELATED TO THE BOARD'S OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT EXTENDED TO TOM BRANDHUBER FOR THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 1, 2023.
- THE DISTRICT WILL CONFIRM TOM BRANDHUBER RECEIVED AT LEAST 24 HOURS NOTICE OF THE POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION
- NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO §38-431.03(C).

The Board considered Regular Business Items A and B together. Chairperson Cox-Golder read the regular business items A. Executive Session: The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and/or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for the District regarding the District's Fire Chief selection process and Fire Chief contract and Regular Business Item B. Executive



Session: The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) for discussion or consideration of the terms and conditions of a contract for employment for the GRFD Fire Chief related to the Board's offer of employment extended to Tom Brandhuber for the position of fire chief effective as of April 1, 2023. The District will confirm Tom Brandhuber received at least 24 hours' notice of the possible executive session.

The Chairperson confirmed Chief Brandhuber received at least 24 hours written notice of the executive session.

MOTION by Board Clerk Vette to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) and A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) at 3:34 p.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 4:50 p.m.

Chairperson Cox Golder reminded those in attendance, Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(C).

- C. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE GRFD FIRE CHIEF RELATED TO THE BOARD'S OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT EXTENDED TO TOM BRANDHUBER FOR THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

Attorney Aversa stated the Board previously directed her to draft a contract for Chief Brandhuber to present at the next Board meeting.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Regularly scheduled meeting – February 21, 2023

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lee Mayes, GRFD resident stated it was a big decision replacing Chief Karrer. He personally thought Chief Brandhuber was the best choice. Mr. Mayes worked with Tom Brandhuber at another agency and stated he is a man of integrity.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Board Clerk Vette to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chairperson Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District

