



WASATCH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

FIREBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 • 3:30 PM MST

25 N Main Street
Heber City, Utah 84032

Councilmembers in Attendance: Mark Nelson, Erik Rowland, Colleen Bonner, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle attended virtually, Fire Board Chair Spencer Park.

Absent: Fire Board Vice Chair Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden was absent from 3:38pm until 3:46pm.

Staff Present: Jason Provost, Assistant Chief/Operations; Clair Provost, Assistant Chief/Director of EMS; Clint Neerings, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal; Troy Morgan, Battalion Chief/Fire Warden; Stacy Carpenter, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Staff Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Park called the Wasatch County Fire Protection Service District Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 3:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Park reported that the first item on the agenda is to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2026, as presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crittenden to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bonner, and it passed 5-0 unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The warrants totaled \$1,002,690.64. Chief Hales reported the most significant expenditures included in the warrant report are payroll, operating costs and Station 56 design and engineering costs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowland to approve the warrants in the amount of \$1,002,690.64 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bonner, and it passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Hales presented to the Board:

- 2026 Year-to Date – January 2026: The District had 253 incidents throughout January 2026 due to lack of weather. Although, the District has seen an uptick in responses to Deer Valley East Village with some ski injuries. Chief Hales explained that the District’s stats year over year hover around 4,000 calls per year and EMS calls are sitting at 75% of EMS response as compared to 25 % of Fire callouts. The District continues with monthly training and skills evaluations each month.
- The District has hosted several functions at Station 51 in the community room as the space provides more room for larger classes. The District hosted a trauma surgeon from Utah Valley Hospital to discuss new protocols that the State has implemented. The District is also partnering with Utah Fire Rescue Academy to bring in regional and national fire academy classes.
- Chief Hales discussed that Chief Clair Provost has been working diligently on the District’s Community Outreach Program. There has been a lot of engagement and partnering with several groups, i.e. Intermountain Health, Wasatch County Health Department, that are focusing on prevention and hands-on skills, i.e. CPR that give the community practical skills that they can actually use.

Kendall Crittenden returned to the at 3:46pm

STATION UPDATES:

1. **STATION 56 HIDEOUT:** the District is moving forward and continuing the finalization of the plans and permitting Station 56 Hideout.
2. **STATION 57:** Chief Hales reported that the other piece the District is working on is Victory Ranch, which has been put on hold for now. We’re working with Heber City and Jordan L Ridge Development on finalizing the plat on the Fitzgerald Road parcel for Station 57. This station has been earmarked for building in 2030-31.
3. **TRAINING TOWER FACILITY:** Currently, the District is working with Heber City for the permitting of the training tower facility. The hope is to start that project in April 2026. Councilmember Searle suggested that since the County is going through the administration design and building process right now to be mindful of ways it may be cost effective. Chief Hales stated that the construction of the cube may not be a less expensive building, but the time to build is decreased and the cost associated with the overall construction including decreasing variables like “winter conditions”, impacts to local labor market (supply/demand) can dramatically impact overall costs equates to cost savings and value.

DISCUSSION OF WASATCH FIRE DISTRICT SOCIAL SECURITY REFERENDUM

Chief Hales reported that this is more of a reminder that the District has already completed the due diligence period. The next step is for the State to initiate the election or vote on February 19th via email. This vote will determine if the District is opting out of Social Security. If the referendum passes the District will present multiple investment and matching program options to the Fireboard. The thought would be to reallocate the employer benefit funds to another benefit source, i.e. a post-retirement health plan, etc. for employees. The District would match the employees’ contribution by 3%, which would incentivize employees to contribute.

FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

Chief Hales reported that the Fire Advisory Commission met on Thursday, February 5th. Those that attended were Mayor Franco, Kevin Payne, Mary Duggan, and Dustin Grabau. Jonathan Gunn, Gill Rodriguez and Kierstan Smith were unable to attend and were excused. Updates were provided to the commission since the committee hasn't met since November 2025. There was discussion of community outreach and fire mitigation.

OTHER

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN MEETING

Chair Park called for a motion to adjourn the February 10th regular meeting at 3:58 pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crittenden to adjourn the February 10th regular meeting at 3:58pm. A motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson, and it passed unanimously.