

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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John Burns
James Heisterkamp
Fred Lofrano
Russell McCray
Nicole Paskey

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: July 01, 2026

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, Meadow Vista

Amended

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

Director Paskey convened the special meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Lofrano, McCray, Paskey and Wright

Directors absent: Harvey

Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, Assistant Chief Slusher, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, Division Chief Williamson and District Manager Armstrong.

2. Agenda approval:

Director McCray moved to approve the agenda. Director Wright seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

3. Seating of the Board and election of the officers

i. Seat the board of the reorganized district and complete and oath of office for John Burns, James Heisterkamp, Fred Lofrano, Russell McCray, and Nicole Paskey (action)

Chief Slusher administered the Oath of Office for John Burns, James Heisterkamp, Fred Lofrano, Russell McCray and Nicole Paskey

ii. Elect board officers and appoint board committees (action)

Board Officers

Director McCray nominated Nicole Paskey as the Board President. Director Heisterkamp seconded the nomination, which passed 5-0.

Director McCray nominated Jim Heisterkamp as the Board Vice-President. Director Paskey seconded the nomination, which passed 5-0.

Director Lofrano volunteered to serve as Board Secretary. Director Heisterkamp seconded the nomination, which passed 5-0.

Board Committees

Chief Gow reported that staff recommends that the Finance and Interdistrict Committee become two different committees; Finance and Interagency. Staff also recommends renaming the Ad Hoc Reorganization committee.

Director Heisterkamp proposed additional Ad-Hoc committees; Strategic Plan, Building/Equipment, and Safety

Director McCray nominated Jim Heisterkamp for the Finance Committee. Director Burns seconded the motion. Director Lofrano and McCray both shared their interest in being on the Finance Committee. Director Heisterkamp nomination passed with a 5-0 vote. Director McCray was appointed and Director Lofrano was appointed as an alternate with a 5-0 vote.

Chief Gow reported that the NCSdia committee can be served by a board or staff member and offered to serve on the committee, which passed 5-0.

Director Lofrano volunteered to be on the Personnel Committee. Director Heisterkamp nominated Director Burns. Director Paskey seconded the nomination, which passed 5-0.

Director Burns and Paskey volunteered for the Ad Hoc for Future Cooperations Committee. Director Heisterkamp nominated Director Burns and Paskey. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Director McCray and Paskey volunteered for the Interagency committee and Director Burns volunteered as an alternate, which passed 5-0.

Director Heisterkamp and McCray volunteered for the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan committee, which passed 5-0.

Director Lofrano and Heisterkamp volunteered for the Ad Hoc Building/Equipment committee, which passed 5-0.

Director Heisterkamp and Paskey volunteered for the Ad Hoc Safety committee, which passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment:

Public Member – Expressed appreciation for staff coming and completing a walk through of his property as they provided fire safety suggestions.

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Consider and adopt Resolution 2026-09 Implementing the reorganization of the District as authorized by the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (action)

Chief D'Ambrogi reported that the resolution lists the steps of the reorganization process, sets the GANN limit, affirms the appointments to the board and decides board election terms. Director Heisterkamp and McCray volunteered to have a 2028 term date, leaving Director Burns, Lofrano and Paskey with a 2030 term date.

Director McCray motions to approve Resolution 2026-09 Implementing the reorganization of the District. Director Heisterkamp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

b. Consider and approve meeting dates and location for the board of the newly reorganized district (actions)

Director McCray proposed meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the current location. Director Lofrano seconded the motion. Director Heisterkamp motions to hold the meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and to hold the meeting at Station 41 every 3rd month starting on August 19th. Director Burns seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

c. Presentation to Alex Harvey and Mark Wright, in appreciation of their service to the people of Placer Hills Fire Protection District (action)

Director Paskey presented Director Harvey and Wright with a resolution of appreciation.

8. Directors' comments:

a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

Director Burns shared that he recently resigned for the Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council, but encourages directors to attend for awareness.

Director Lofrano thanked everyone involved with the district for getting the district to this point.

Director Heisterkamp suggested having a time when board members can become oriented with the parts of the district they are not familiar with.

b. *Request item(s) for inclusion on subsequent meetings, or request a Special Meeting.*

c. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s):* Regular Meeting on July 15, 2026 at 6:00pm.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Michelle Armstrong, District Manager