



## CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kathryn Beus – Board Chair  
Lyndsay Peterson – Board Vice Chair  
David Erickson – Trustee  
Larry Jacobsen – Trustee

N. George Daines – Trustee  
Steve Miller – Trustee  
Aaron Rudie – Trustee

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 26, 2026

12:00 pm

### MEETING MINUTES

The Cache County Fire District Board will meet Friday, **June 26, 2026**, commencing at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Cache County Historic Courthouse, Council Chambers Room**, 199 North Main Logan, Utah 84321.

**ATTENDANCE:** Chair Beus, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Daines, Trustee Miller, Trustee Rudie, Trustee Erickson (remote). Trustee Jacobsen absent.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Beus called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2026

-Trustee Daines mentioned that the meeting minutes from 5/20 were slightly inaccurate. Reporting that Trustee Erickson not Chair Beus made the motion to accept the proposed amendments and restatement of the bylaws. Trustee Erickson made the motion and Chair Beus restated the motion before it was voted on. Trustee Daines would like to propose the correction in the meeting minutes just so that it's clear that the Chair did not make the motion and clarify that it was Trustee Erickson made the motion, although the votes were accurate. Trustee Daines would move to correct the 5/20 minutes, Trustee Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.

-Trustee Daines motion to approve the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes, Trustee Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.

B. Approval of Agenda – June 26, 2026

-Chair Beus accept a motion to approve the agenda, motion by Trustee Rudie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Peterson

-Open for discussion: Trustee Daines requested to add an item for discussion, the appointment of Attorney Mark Anderson as Attorney for the fire board. Trustee Daines passed out Mr. Anderson's resume. No further discussion, none. (No motion or second requested or provided)

Vote to approve the agenda passed (5-1)

### 3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### A. Discussion Regarding Attorney Amy Hugie Terminating the Contract on the Grounds of Violations of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act

-The Board received a letter on 6/12 that Attorney Amy Hugie will no longer provide services of legal counsel for the fire board.

-Trustee Daines mentioned that he sent a letter to fellow board of trustees with respect to Hugie's action, and would like that letter added to the record of this meeting. Trustee Daines mentions, "The letter well states, his response to her claims, that they violated the law. However, if you recall during the meeting we noted that there was a failure in the agenda to be as clear as we'd like, and we made the decision to re ratify in this meeting the previous things so there wouldn't be any issue at all. That's exactly what I would recommend we would do, because of the potential problem with the agenda."

-Trustees Daines motion is to add this letter to the record, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Peterson, all in favor.

-In conjunction to item A, discussion of the potential of Attorney Mark Anderson. Chair Beus asked Trustee Daines to provide information about Mark Anderson. The board members present receive Mark Anderson's resume. Trustee Daines provided information of Attorney Anderson to the board of what expertise he could bring to the board. Trustee Daines recommends that they retain his services, this would be an expense of the county fire budget, Daines feels it's appropriate to hire him as the attorney for the fire district. Chair Beus asked for open discussion; Trustee Peterson fully supports Daines recommendation, Trustee Beus appreciates that he is local, Trustee Erikson asked if he is retaining and representing State Association of Special Districts, was confirmed yes. Trustees Erickson still feels there needs to be clarity and direction and discussion during the next meeting to come on agenda to talk about budget payment. Trustee Daines aggress with Trustee Erickson about the budget and this should be taken to the County Council.

-Trustee Daines motioned to retain Attorney Mark Anderson to provide legal counsel to the fire board. Motion by Trustees Daines and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Peterson, it is on the agenda as Item C, all those in favor. Passes. This will move to County Council.

#### B. North and South Committees and the Requirements of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act

-Trustee Daines mentioned that both of these committees are advisory committees only, they do not take any action and in his opinion do not need to comply with the Open and Public Meetings Act.

-Trustee Daines provided a report on the activity of the committees thus far indicating the following:

South Committee met, Providence and River Heights representatives were not in attendance. During that meeting, Wellsville Mayor Chad Lindley was elected as Chair and Nibley City Manager Justin Maughan was elected Secretary. The city representatives present discussed representation and have forwarded the name of Mendon Mayor Ed Buist to be considered for a position on the Fire Board. It was agreed that this would

eventually need to be approved by the Fire Board and County Council. The committee meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at Hyrum City office at 10 AM.

North Committee have had meetings as well. During the meeting, Richmond Mayor Jeff Young was elected as Chair and city council member Jay Downs was elected as Secretary. The city representatives discussed representation and have forwarded the name of Lewiston Mayor Brady Bodily to be considered for a position on the Fire Board.

The Fire Board discussed that the North and South Advisory Committees would abide to the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act by posting an agenda 24 hour in advance to the meeting and post meeting minutes.

C. Validation of Current Board Appointments by the County Council

-Trustee Daines mentioned that the bylaws that the current board is under, is really a mess. The bylaws mention that the assessor be chosen, which should be done by the County Council. Daines suggested to have Mark Anderson take a closer look at the bylaws. Daines also suggest that all board members be validated in their position. Chair Beus agree that the process is done correctly.

Trustee Miller ask what the timeline is for increasing the number on the board. Trustee Daines answered by telling him to have Mark Anderson take a look at the foundational document and make sure operate correctly and follow his advice, hopefully by next week. Trustee Daines will be contact with Chair Beus if a quick meeting is needed and present to County Council.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Proposed Amendment and Restatement of Board of Trustees Bylaws

-Trustee Lyndsay Peterson made a motion a to ratify the decision to accept the Amendment and Restatement of the bylaws, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Daines.

Discussion: Trustee Erickson expressed that he feels their moving in the wrong direction, this is not the way a district should be. He cannot support this.

Trustee Peterson mentioned that this board is supposed to represent the county as a whole, but she disagrees that what their trying to do is make the board a representative. The incentive argument to be made is not doing it right, it's been a difficult process getting different advice for attorney, there needs for input and by in form elective officials.

Trustee Daines suggest to call a question on the motion, vote on the question first. Chair Beus motion to vote on question raised from Daines; 4 Aye 1 Nay

Go back to original motion on the floor which is the Proposed Amendment and Restatement of the Board of Trustees Bylaws; 5 in favor, 1 oppose. Passes by super majority according to bylaws.

B. Consideration of Establishment of North and South Committees

-Discussed that they are already moving and functioning. Trustee Daines mentions that both the North and South Committees have city mayors, fire chiefs, and city managers attending the meeting. Trustee Daines mentioned that the meetings have started and keeping minutes, they will abide by the Open and Public Meeting Act with respect to all meetings moving forward.

Trustee Peterson ask if they need to take action on the establishment of the committees. Trustee Daines answer by saying he thinks they passed it during the last meeting. Trustee Erickson replied by mentioning that the last meeting did not have an agenda item for the establishment of the committees.

Trustee Daines moved to appoint a North and a South Steering Committee composed of the mayors form the north and the south, respectively. Both committees would act as advisory bodies to the Fire Board. Trustee Lyndsay Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.

C Contracting Replacement Legal Counsel

-Already acted on this with above discussion.

5. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A Pending Requirements:

i Setting Meeting Annual Meeting Schedule for Board and Committees

-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 12 PM. Chair decision to conduct second meeting.

Trustee Daines moved to have meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, and after discretion of Chair if second meeting if needed will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

Trustee Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor passes unanimously.

Committees please share your schedule of meetings.

ii Purchase of Crime Insurance for Members of the Board

-Will discuss with attorney.

iii Special District & Special Service District Board Member Training for Members of the Board

-Provided by the auditor office. Will discuss with attorney.

iv Open and Pubic Meetings Act Training for Members of the Board (if not already done)

-Annual training, please send certificate to Tara Taylor.

6. **NEXT MEETING** – August 6, 2026

7. **ADJOURN** – Trustee Peterson motion to be adjourned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Miller, all in favor.