



CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 12, 2026

2:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The Cache County Fire District Board will meet Thursday, **February 12, 2026**, commencing at **2:00 p.m.** in the **Cache County Historic Courthouse, Council Conference Room**, 199 North Main Logan, Utah 84321.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Beus called meeting to order 2:06 p.m.
2. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Agenda – February 12, 2026:
 - Trustee Jacobsen made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - Seconded by Trustee Peterson.
 - Motion carried.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2025:
 - Trustee Jacobsen made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - Seconded by Trustee Peterson.
 - Motion carried.
3. **INTRODUCTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

The Board formally welcomed:

 - Steve Miller (participating via broadcast)
 - Aaron Rudie (in person)
4. **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIR**

The Board conducted nominations for Board Chair.

 - Trustee Erickson nominated Kathryn Beus.
 - Seconded by Trustee Jacobsen.

- Trustee Miller nominated Lyndsay Peterson.
- Seconded by Trustee Rudie.

Each nominee was invited to address the Board regarding their willingness to serve and leadership approach.

- Chair Beus expressed her commitment to serve in a neutral capacity and to function as a liaison with Cache County while working collaboratively on behalf of the cities.
- Trustee Peterson emphasized the importance of unified representation and stated her willingness to serve, while expressing confidence in Chair Beus' leadership.

Nominations were closed and a vote was taken on the first nomination.

- Kathryn Beus was elected Board Chair by unanimous vote.

5. **NFPA STUDY UPDATE:**

Fire Chief Brady George provided an update on the NFPA 1201 study that is currently underway:

- The study is looking at how we are meeting standards of a department that's publicly funded.
- First round of department visits has been conducted.
- The feedback from Ironwood as well as department representatives mentioned that it was a very enlightening opportunity.
- Study has already begun to reveal opportunities for improvements
- The next round of department visits is scheduled for February 27 and 28.
- Follow-up virtual visits for both first and second round departments will focus on training records, asset records, code enforcement and prevention activities.
- In addition to the NFPA 1201 study, funding has also been secured to complete a community risk assessment and a capital needs and infrastructure assessment.
- Since the funding is already secured, the only action necessary to begin the next phases of the study is to sign the service agreement that will define the parameters and timing for each of the remaining pieces.

It was noted that upon completion, the study will provide data-informed recommendations to guide future decisions regarding standards of coverage, service levels, infrastructure planning, and alignment with population growth and risk distribution across the County.

6. **OTHER**

Financial Data Request – Municipal Fire and EMS Spending

Trustee George Daines emphasized the importance of utilizing objective financial data to inform future governance and service decisions.

Discussion centered on understanding:

- Current fire and EMS expenditures in incorporated municipalities
- Spending levels in unincorporated areas
- General fund contributions toward fire and EMS services
- Actual versus proposed budget comparisons for 2024 and 2025

Following discussion, Executive Daines made a motion directing Chief George and staff to:

- Develop a standardized request for financial information
- Disseminate the request to participating municipalities
- Compile the submitted data for Board review

Seconded by Mayor Peterson.

Motion carried.

Board Discussion – Role of Cache County

Mayor Steve Miller inquired about the role and necessity of County involvement in fire service delivery, specifically regarding services currently provided by south-end municipalities.

Mayor Larry Jacobsen responded by referencing the historical formation of the Fire District (1965) and encouraged the Board to evaluate the District's modern-day purpose in light of current needs, costs, and service expectations.

Trustee Daines concluded discussion by emphasizing:

- The County's responsibility to residents in unincorporated areas
- The administrative and financial advantages associated with centralized tax collection
- The goal of improving effectiveness without displacing municipal authority

7. **NEXT MEETING** – March 23, 2026 – 2:00pm

8. **ADJOURN** – 3:01 pm

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