



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

June 11, 2026
12:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The Cache County Fire District Board will meet Thursday, **June 11, 2026**, commencing at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Cache County Historic Courthouse, Council Conference Room**, 199 North Main Logan, Utah 84321.

Attendance:

Board: Kathryn Beus, David Erickson, Lyndsay Peterson, Larry Jacobsen, Steve Miller, Aaron Rudie, and George Daines

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Beus called meeting to order at 12:00pm
2. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Agenda – June 11, 2026
 - Motion to accepted agenda by Trustee Erickson 2nd by Trustee Rudie,
 - Motion passed (7-0) in favor.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2026
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes of May 20, 2026, meeting as written by Trustee Jacobsen, 2nd by Trustee Erickson
 - Motion passed (7-0) in favor.
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - A. Discussion and Guidance Regarding District Board Governance
 - No discussion occurred on this agenda item. Trustee Daines requested that discussion proceed on item 3B.
 - B. Discussion on Proposed Amendment and Restatement of Board of Trustees Bylaws
 - Trustee Daines motioned that Board ratify the changes to the bylaws proposed in the May 20, 2026 meeting. 2nd by Trustee Jacobsen.

The board engaged in vigorous discussion on the motion including discussion on the contents of the proposed changes, intent behind the changes, and bylaw amendment procedures. During the discussion, Trustee Peterson asked about the validity of the action being proposed considering that the agenda did not indicate that action was being considered. Trustee Daines responded to Trustee Peterson's concerns indicating that it was his belief that action could still be taken, but that if there was an issue, the Board could take the additional step of voting on the motion again at a future meeting.

Trustee Daines discussed the importance of acting on this item due to the implication of truth in taxation cycles for the city and county governments involved. Trustees Peterson, Beus and Jacobsen all expressed a desire to keep the process of amending the bylaws moving forward. Trustee Ericson dissented during the discussion citing concerns over maintaining compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Trustee Petersen provided a counterpoint to Trustee Ericson's concerns and expressed sustained interest in taking action on this now rather than waiting till a future meeting.

Trustee Petersen posed the question of whether the amendments being proposed were lawful based on the applicable sections of Utah Code. Her question centered on the viability of the Board structure changes being proposed and whether what is being suggested limited or circumvented the County Council's rights as the appointing authority. Trustee Daines responded to this question by indicating that the changes would require trust on both parts (the Board and the County Council) or the District would fall apart. Trustee Daines also indicated that he would be offering additional motions today in support of the changes being proposed.

Trustee Jacobsen responded to the discussion on truth in taxation cycles for the cities and county and expressed concern that the cities were having to prepare tentative budgets without the necessary information to make informed decisions. Trustee Jacobsen also discussed some of the specifics of the suggested alterations and the implications of those changes on continuity of Board function. Trustee Daines responded to this by indicating that much of the Board's operational function would be handled by committees in the North and South.

Trustee Daines motioned to move the question after which Amy Hugie (Attorney for the District) asked to respond to the discussion. She provided objection to the motion and stated clearly that if the Board acted on the motion at hand, it would be a violation of the OPMA, based on improper public notification. She indicated that because the meeting agenda had not indicated that action or possible was being considered on the agenda item in question, no legal action could be taken. She also provided context to the discussion indicating that the printed copy of the bylaw changes did not detail the entirety of the changes being recommended. She indicated that the electronic copy of the changes (the redline copy) was different than the printed copy and that the electronic copy has not been entered into the public record. She indicated that she has met with Trustee Daines prior to the meeting and that during that discussion she expressed concerns about the changes in regard to Utah Code 17B-1-304. It is her opinion that the proposed changes violate this section of the Code.

The Board does not have the authority to dictate appointees to the appointing authority, nor do that have the authority to relinquish their authority and responsibilities to the Mayors within the District.

Amy also indicated that she had provided legal counsel to the Board's Clerk to not include actionable verbiage on this agenda item due to procedural items surrounding the OPMA. The Board engaged in additional conversation surrounding this counsel and the requirements of meeting the OPMA requirements of bylaw changes (minimum of three days' notice). Additional discussion centered on the specific language requirements of 17B-1-304.

Trustee Daines asked Amy about the counsel she had provided regarding the wording of the agenda item. She indicated that she had provided counsel to keep the agenda item listed as it was originally proposed to avoid conflicts with the OPMA due to noticing requirements. This response led to additional conversation on the matter and clarifying of roles and responsibilities of the Board members and Legal Counsel regarding development of agenda items.

Additional comments were made regarding the necessity of including the complete redline version in the public record after which Trustee Daines again called the question, which was seconded by Trustee Peterson.

Motion to ratify the amended and restated bylaws of the Cache County Fire District Board of Trustees carries (6-1) in favor.

OTHER:

-No specific items were listed either for discussion or action in this section of the agenda.

Trustee George Daines motioned to form a south committee composed with all the mayors in the south end of the valley, including the county executive to represent the unincorporated area and also form a north committee composed of all the mayors of the north end of the valley and the county executive to represent the unincorporated area. 2nd by Trustee Petersen

Discussion focused on having these committees work with the cities on each end of the valley to provide responses to Mayor Rudie's memorandum. The goal was to provide the information in advance of the next Board meeting, if possible.

Motion was voted on and carried (6-1) in favor.

4. **NEXT MEETING** – June 26th @ 12:00pm
5. **ADJOURN** –Trustee Peterson motioned to adjourn, 2nd Trustee Daines
-Motion passed (7-0) in favor.
12:40pm

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