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# MINUTES
## Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
## REGULAR MEETING OF THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
## Station 26 Meeting Room, 3318 Topeka Street, Riverbank, CA

(THE AGENDA PACKET IS POSTED AT EACH SCFPD LOCATION AND AT WWW.SCFPD.US)

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

**The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District met this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Station 26 Meeting Room with President Rivers presiding and calling the meeting to order.**

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rivers.**

## 3. INVOCATION

**Pastor Charles E. Neal lead the invocation.**

## 4. ROLL CALL

**Board Clerk Called the roll:**

At this time SCFPD Legal Counsel Kyler Rayden noted Director Stanfield is appearing remotely via Zoom under SB 707 just cause provisions due to attending a work trip with another public agency.

**Present:**

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| President: | Rivers |
| Vice President: | Bernardi |
| Director: | Murdock |
| Director: | Neal |

**Via Zoom:**

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| Director: | Stanfield |

**Staff Present:**

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| Fire Chief: | Bray |
| Clerk: | Sousa (A) |
| District Attorney: | Rayden |

## 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *at this time, a Board Member may pull an item from the agenda.*

At this time SCFPD Legal Counsel Kyler Rayden announced during item 12.C Direction regarding renewal, extension, or replacement of Agreement with the City of Modesto for Fire Administration Services, Deputy Chief Bray will need to recuse himself due to a potential conflict arising from his employment with the City of Modesto Fire Department.

**Motion by Director Neal, seconded by Director Bernardi to approve the agenda. Passed by roll call vote 5/0/0/0.**

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| AYES: | 5 | Directors: | Rivers, Bernardi, Neal, Stanfield, Murdock |
| NOES: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSENT: | 0 | Director: | |

## 6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – *Declaration by Board of Director members who may have a conflict of Interest on any scheduled agenda item is to declare their conflict at this time.*

**None declared.**

## 7. PRESENTATION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Item 7.A:** There were no employee anniversaries announced.

**Item 7.B:** Deputy Chief Bray stated the new hire Fire Fighters have graduated from the Fire Academy and promotions of several employees.

- Jacob Fewell – Fire Fighter Graduate
- Omar Guzman – Fire Fighter Graduate
- Mason Manly – Fire Fighter Graduate
- Dylan Rosa – Fire Fighter Graduate

**Promotions:**

- Zac Swanson – Battalion Chief
- Chaz Bandy – Captain
- Dylan Foster – Captain
- Austin Houck – Engineer

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *The board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that are not posted on the agenda may be addressed by the public. California law prohibits the Board from acting on any matter which is not on the posed agenda, unless the Board determines that is it an emergency or other situation specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Please make your comments directly to the SCFPD Board President.* ***Comments will be accepted via Teleconference.***

- **No Public Comments**

**9. CONSENT ITEMS –** *All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted upon by the one motion otherwise requested by an individual Board Member or public for special consideration.*

**Item 9.A:** Acceptance of Warrants (Check Register) – April 2026

**Item 9.B:** Acceptance of Financial Reports – April 2026

**Motion by Vice President Bernardi, seconded by Director Neal to approve the consent calendar. Passed by roll call vote 5/0/0/0.**

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| AYES: | 5 | Directors: | Rivers, Stanfield, Neal, Bernardi, Murdock |
| NOES: | 0 | Director: | |

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| ABSTAIN: | 0 | Director: |
| ABSENT: | 0 | Director: |

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**No Discussion Items Scheduled**

## 11. PUBLIC HEARING

**No Public Hearing Items Scheduled**

## 12. ACTION ITEMS

**<u>Item 12.A:</u>** Approval of Consultant Agreement – Community-Driven Strategic Plan Proposal.

**<u>Action:</u>** The Board approved the proposal from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) to complete a community-driven Strategic Plan for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District in the amount of $21,868 and authorization of the Fire Chief to execute an agreement consistent with the approved proposal.

**Motion to approve the Consultant Agreement – Community Driven Strategic Plan Proposal by Director Murdock, seconded by Director Bernardi by Roll Call Vote 5/0/0/0.**

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| AYES: | 5 | Directors: | Rivers, Bernardi, Neal, Stanfield, Murdock |
| NOES: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSENT: | 0 | Director: | |

**<u>Item 12.B:</u>** Consideration to Adopt Resolution 2026-005 ordering the levy and collection charges within the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Special Benefit Assessment Rate with 3% increase.

**<u>Action:</u>** By roll call vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2026-005 ordering the levy and collection charges within the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Special Benefit Assessment Rate with 3% increase.

**Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-005 by Director Neal, seconded by Director Bernardi by Roll Call Vote 5/0/0/0.**

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| AYES: | 5 | Directors: | Rivers, Bernardi, Neal, Stanfield, Murdock |
| NOES: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSENT: | 0 | Director: | |

**<u>Item 12.C:</u>** Discussion to provide direction regarding the renewal, extension, or replacement of Agreement with the City of Modesto for Fire Administration Services.

**<u>Action:</u>** Deputy Chief Bray recused himself from participation in discussion of this item due to a potential conflict arising from his employment with the City of Modesto Fire Department. The Board provided direction to the District and elected President Rivers as the District Representative to initiate discussions with the City of Modesto regarding the renewal, extension, or replacement of Agreement with the City of Modesto for Fire Administration Services. The Board elected to create and AD-HOC made up of President Rivers and Director Murdock to review and discuss options.

**Motion to provide direction regarding the renewal, extension, or replacement of Agreement with the City of Modesto for Fire Administration Services by Director Bernardi, seconded by Director Neil by Roll Call Vote 5/0/0/0.**

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| AYES: | 5 | Directors: | Rivers, Bernardi, Neal, Stanfield, Murdock |
| NOES: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSTAIN: | 0 | Director: | |
| ABSENT: | 0 | Director: | |

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS

**Item 13.3.A – Fire Chief's Verbal Report**

- Chief Bray provided a verbal report for the month of April.

**Item 13.3.B – Capital Improvements**

- No Report Given

**Item 13.3.C – Finance Committee**

- No Report Given

**Item 13.3.D – Personnel Committee**

- No Report Given

**Item 13.3.E – Fire Advisory Committee with Modesto Fire Department**

- No Report Given

## 14. CLOSED SESSION

**The Board began closed session at 6:31 pm.**

**Item 14.A:** Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

- Agency Designated Representative: Clint Bray, Deputy Fire Chief
- Employee Organization: Local 3399

**Item 14.B:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of potential cases: (1)

## 15. CLOSED SESSION - Report

No reportable action.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business the Board adjourned at 7:02 PM.**

**ATTEST:**

**Jessica Sousa (A) /s/**
**Jessica Sousa, Clerk of the Board (A)**