

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 1:00 p.m.

Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517

**Board:** Dave Hamrick, Brian Tseng, Ryan Bross, Mike Lewelling, Chris Buser

**Staff:** Chief Paul Capo; Marinda Baxter; Chief of Staff Erika Goetz

**Also Attending:** Steven Ferrante, Barb Boyer Buck, Jason Dunn via ZOOM, Josh Weiss via ZOOM

**Absent:** None

**President Ryan Bross called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

**Chief Capo led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Erika Goetz performed roll call** – all present with Ryan Bross on Zoom

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dave Hamrick and seconded by Brian Tseng to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ryan Bross and seconded by Brian Tseng to approve the meeting minutes from the 12/04/24 board meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS –

Motion by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Mike Lewelling to go into an executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b) C.R.S. for purposes of legal advice regarding ruling in Estes Valley Voice v. Board of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered executive session at 1:04 PM

Motion by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Chris Buser to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-entered open session at 1:50 PM

President Bross provided a summary of the executive session. Oral arguments were heard on 12/20/2024. The judge ordered the recording to be made public.

The board provided their comments that they were not offended by the ruling. They wanted to respect the integrity of the process. The board is not looking to appeal.

A motion was made by Ryan Bross, and seconded by Mike Lewelling to confirm that the board will comply with the court's ruling and release the recording along with a statement. Motion carried unanimously.

### BOARD COMMENT

Board members hope that this drama doesn't affect morale at the department. If anyone has questions or wants to talk, please reach out to a board member.

The board stands by that they acted in good faith with the intent of the hiring process. They are looking forward to the closure of this issue so that focus can be on the mission of the department.

It's a good reminder to work to improve our procedural process going forward.

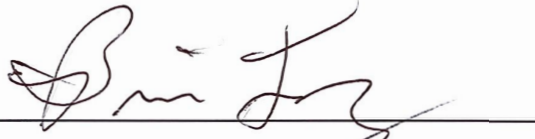
The next main board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22nd.

Motion by Brian Tseng, seconded by Dave Hamrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.



~~David Hamrick, Secretary~~

BRIAN TSENG, VP

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*"The Mission of the Board of Directors of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to establish policy, goals, strategies and financial leadership that are the foundation for the long-term sustainability of the District."*