



WILTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Joe Guardino, Elizabeth Hite, Ron Fiorica, Mark Creager, Sandy Walsh

Staff Present: Fire Chief, Kenny Diede

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Director Guardino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Board Committee Updates: None

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Mr. Alex Hugo from California Broadband addressed the Board regarding the lease termination with the District. He stated they have appreciated and enjoyed the partnership with the District. Therefore, they are interested in continuing a relationship under different terms. Director Guardino thanked Mr. Alex Hugo and stated our actions remain final as stated in the letter to California Broadband, dated August 21, 2026.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. M/S Fiorica/Creager - To approve the consent calendar as written
Approved 5/0

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. Chief Diede updated the Board on the prior month's activities through the Chief's Report:
 - i. August 2026 reported 67 calls, August 2025 reported 68 calls, with a total of 20 ALS days. Thirteen new projects in Fire Prevention.
 - ii. Significant incidences to report – No significant incidences to report.
 - iii. Building & Vehicle Maintenance – No significant maintenance to report.
 - iv. Training – Firefighter Mental Health Awareness and Basic Firefighter Skills.
 - v. General Information – Interviews were held and seven new Firefighters will be joining the District.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Type 1 Apparatus Purchase – Chief Diede
Recommendation: Purchase a Pierce Type 1 Engine from Golden State



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Discussion: Chief Diede stated the District's current Type 1 Engine is 20 years old. There is a need for a replacement to maintain a reliable and modern first-line response fleet. Once the new engine is in service, the District's current engine will become a second-out apparatus.

The Apparatus Committee met with engine builders and determined that Pierce provides the best design, features, customer service, maintenance and repair support, and anticipated delivery time. Golden State in Sacramento is the dealer for Pierce in our area, and they have a repair facility located in Tracy, California. They also offer a dealer-allocated production slot, so the approximate delivery date will most likely be October 2027.

A transfers compartment was recently included and adds approximately \$3,200 to the purchase amount. Director Guardino stated there was a lot of planning that went into this, and we're buying the best. One hundred thousand of the total cost is being utilized for all new equipment on the engine. So, we'll have two rigs available. The new engine is included in the budget, and we're paying for the engine in full, so there won't be interest fees. I'd like to add a contingent \$10,000 in case of unexpected fees, so the Chief can continue moving forward with the purchase and he doesn't have to readdress the Board for approval. The fact that we can pay cash for a Pierce Type 1 Engine is spectacular, and I'm happy we can provide this to our crews and community. Our patience and planning has paid off.

M/S Guardino/Walsh To approve the Staff Report as written to purchase the Pierce Type 1 Engine and include an additional \$10,000 for contingencies.

Approved 5/0

2. **WFPD Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget – Director Guardino**

Recommendation: Approve the Final Budget as presented.

Discussion: The budget increased mainly due to the apparatus purchase, and the budget will return to normal next year. It's balanced and the District remains debt free. We'll continue saving for the next apparatus and plan for the future.

M/S Fiorica/Hite To approve the WFPD Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget as written.

Approved 5/0

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

H. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. None

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session Item:

Personnel – Government Code 54957

The Board convened into closed session at 7:27 p.m.



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The Board reconvened to open session at 8:15 p.m.
There was no reportable action taken in closed session

J. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea Hunter, Clerk of the Board

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Guardino", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe Guardino, Chairman