

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MOUNT LEMMON FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

A public meeting of the Mount Lemmon Fire District Governing Board was convened on **January 26, 2026**, at Mount Lemmon Fire Station Located at 13170 N. Oracle Control Road, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order at 4:02 PM by Chairman Canale.

Roll Call- Chairman Todd Canale	virtual
Clerk Tom McNurlin	present
Treasurer Teri Carpenter	present
Member John “Mitch” Cusolito	virtual
Member Brenda Schupbach	virtual

Also attending- Fire Chief Joe Gunia.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Gunia

3. Date of next meeting: Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

4. Call to Public

- none

5. Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2025, regular meeting.

-Motion by Clerk McNurlin, second by Member Cusolito to approve Minutes of December 15, 2025, regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Reports and Correspondence:

A. Financial Report December 2025

- Treasurer Carpenter pointed out \$8,912.62 was deposited from the Smart & Safe AZ Fund. There was a brief discussion.

-Motion by Treasurer Carpenter, second by Member Schupbach to approve December 2025 financial report. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Fire Chief’s Report- Reviewed by the Board. Report on file.

- Chief Gunia added Pima County Treasurer’s office has started withholding interest earned in regard to the Investment Income Adjustment Plan to Correct Prior Reporting Error. At the last Pima Chiefs meeting Pima County Treasures office agreed to provide the amount that was withheld. For the month of December \$27.57 was withheld for Mount Lemmon Fire District.
- We received our Net Taxable Value from Pima County; our levy amount only went up \$816. PSPRS contribution went up 2.54% for Tier 1 and 3.18% for Tier 3.
- Chief Gunia informed the board that two fulltime employees have resigned, one is moving out of state and the other will remain as a reserve firefighter.

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7. New Business:

A. FY 2025 Audit

- Chief Gunia informed the board that Walker & Armstrong spoke directly with USDA RD regarding audit requirements. It was decided that Jennifer Phillips CPA, PLLC will be conducting FY 2025 audit for Mt. Lemmon Fire District. There was a brief discussion.

-No Motion

8. Unfinished Business

A. Station 310 Remodel/Expansion

- Chief Gunia updated the board on the progress of the punch list on station remodel/expansion. There was a brief discussion.

9. Reports of Board Members


- Chairman Canale announced his retirement ceremony from the Davis Monthan Fire Department on January 30, 2026, and he will be starting is new job with Pima Community Collage on February 2, 2026.

10. Adjournment


-Motion by Member Cusolito, second by Member Schupbach meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Dated 23rd day of February 2026.

Mount Lemmon Fire District Governing Board


Tom Canale (Mar 2, 2026 20:58:57 MST)


Chairman Canale


Mitch McNurlin (Mar 3, 2026 15:02:28 MST)


Clerk McNurlin

Teri Carpenter
Teri Carpenter (Feb 24, 2026 11:49:59 MST)

Treasurer Carpenter


Mitch Cusolito (Feb 24, 2026 15:21:31 MST)

Member Cusolito


Mitch Schupbach (Mar 17, 2026 07:07:48 HST)

Member Schupbach