



HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CHIEFS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Meeting of the Heartland Fire Training Authority Board of Chiefs held this Tuesday; April 7, 2026 was called to order by the HFTA BOC Chair Chief Mike Sims at 8:03 am.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

CHIEFS PRESENT:

GREG O'GORMAN – Alpine Fire Protection District

MIKE SIMS – Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District

MICHAEL SMITH – Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District

BENT KOCH – Heartland Fire & Rescue (El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove)

KEN KREMENSKY – Barona Fire Department

HARLEY WALLACE – Santee Fire Department

JOHN SENGEBUSCH – Viejas Fire Department

CHIEFS ABSENT:

BRIAN BOGGELN – Alpine Fire Protection District

ANDY LAWLER – San Miguel Fire & Rescue

DON BUTZ – Lakeside Fire Protection District

STAFF PRESENT:

JAY PETTERSON – Heartland Fire Training Authority, Facility Manager

STAFF ABSENT:

CLAY SCHOEN – Heartland Fire Training Authority, Treasurer

GUEST PRESENT:

ERIC STAMM – LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING

MOTION by KREMENSKY,
SECOND by KOCH to approve
the Agenda of the JUNE 7, 2026
meeting

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

State Law prohibits taking action or discussion on any item not on the posted agenda. The HFTA Board of Chiefs may briefly respond to statements or questions by persons exercising their public testimony rights. If appropriate, a matter of business may be on a future agenda.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Items are routine matters enacted by a motion according to the RECOMMENDATION listed below. With the concurrence of the Board of Chiefs, a Chief or person in attendance may request discussion of a Consent Item at this time.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING**

MOTION by KOCH,
SECOND by SIMS to
approve the Minutes of FEBRUARY 3,
2026 meeting

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

ITEM 6.2 FINANCIAL REPORT PULLED BY CHIEF BENT KOCH

The HFTA BOCs provided direction that moving forward if any consent calendar items are not available at the time the agenda packet is sent out, it should show “not provided” instead of including the previous meeting information.

**APPROVE FINANCIALS REPORTS
AS PRESENTED AFTER DISCUSSION**

MOTION by KOCH,
SECOND by WALLACE to
approve financial reports as
presented after discussion

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

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SECOND by WALLACE to
approve financial reports as
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7. TRAINING MANAGER REPORT

7.1 TRAINING MANAGER REPORT
As presented

8. HFTA BUDGET

8.1 HFTA 26-27 BUDGET PROPOSAL

**APPROVE HFTA 26-27 BUDGET
AS PRESENTED**

MOTION by SENGEBUSCH,
SECOND by KREMENSKY to
approve financial reports as
presented after discussion

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

9. TRAINING MANAGER CONTRACT

9.1 HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY CONTRACT FOR TRAINING
MANAGER POSITION

10. CLOSED SESSION

The HFTA BOCs entered closed session at 0835 and concluded closed session
at 0907. NO ACTION TAKEN, DIRECTION GIVEN.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER
CHIEF WALLACE PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HAVING HTF BECOME A
CEU PROVIDER FOR THE JPA AGENCIES. THE BUDGET ALREADY
SUPPORTS FUNDING THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THE HFTA BOCs
APPROVED IT UNANIMIOUSLY.

**APPROVE HFTA AS CEU
PROVIDER**

MOTION by KOCH,
SECOND by KREMENSKY to
approve HFTA providing CEUs

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

HFTA BOC meeting was adjourned at 0912

**CLERK OF THE BOARD POSTED THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 7, 2026 HFTA
BOC MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND AGENCY POLICY
CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

MINUTES TYPED BY: Jay Petterson, Clerk of the Board