



HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CHIEFS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Meeting of the Heartland Fire Training Authority Board of Chiefs held this Tuesday; August 4, 2026 was called to order by the HFTA BOC-Chair Harley Wallace at 8:05 am.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

CHIEFS PRESENT:

MICHAEL SMITH – Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District
BENT KOCH – Heartland Fire & Rescue (El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove)
JOHN SENGEBUSCH – Viejas Fire Department
GREG O'GORMAN – Alpine Fire Protection District
BRIAN BOGGELN – Barona Fire Department
TOBIN RILEY – San Miguel Fire & Rescue
ERIC STAMM – Lakeside Fire Protection District
HARLEY WALLACE – Santee Fire Department
ZACH CARRILLO – Sycuan Fire Department

CHIEFS ABSENT:

DON BUTZ – Lakeside Fire Protection District
ANDY LAWLER – San Miguel Fire & Rescue
KEN KREMENSKY – Barona Fire Department

STAFF PRESENT:

JAY PETTERSON – Heartland Fire Training Authority, Facility Manager

STAFF ABSENT:

CLAY SCHOEN – Heartland Fire Training Authority, Treasurer

GUEST PRESENT:

NONE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING**

MOTION by SMITH
SECOND by BOGGELN to
approve the Agenda of the
AUGUST 4, 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
JUNE 2, 2026 MEETING**

MOTION by SMITH,
SECOND by SENGEBUSCH to
approve the Minutes of JUNE 2,
2026 meeting

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

**APPROVE FINANCIALS REPORTS
AS PRESENTED**

MOTION by SMITH,
SECOND by SENGEBUSCH to
approve financial reports as
presented

MOTION CARRIES BY A VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

7. TRAINING MANAGER REPORT

7.1 TRAINING MANAGER REPORT
As presented

8. TRAINING MANAGER CONTRACT

8.1 TRAINING MANAGER CONTRACT

**CHIEF WALLACE MOTIONED TO
APPROVE HFTA TRAINING
MANAGER CONTRACT
AS PRESENTED WITH RETRO
PAY BACK TO JULY 1, 2026**

APPROVED by SMITH,
SECOND BY SENGEBUSCH
TO APPROVE TRAINING
MANAGER CONTRACT WITH RETRO
PAY BACK TO JULY 1, 2026

MOTION CARRIES BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

9. HFTA INSTRUCTOR PAY INCREASE

9.1 – HFTA INSTRUCTOR PAY INCREASE

Training manager Jay Petterson presented the current hourly pay for instructors and compared the HFTA hourly rate to local colleges and third party. The training manager recommended increasing the hourly rate of \$70.00 USD to \$80.00 USD with the goal of attracting and retaining qualified instructors to teach State Fire Training courses at the Heartland Fire Training Authority. The hourly pay increase would go into effect on January 1, 2027.

**CHIEF WALLACE MOTIONED TO
APPROVE HFTA INSTRUCTOR
HOURLY RATE INCREASE FROM
\$70.00 USD TO \$80.00 USD
AS PRESENTED**

APPROVED by SMITH,
SECOND BY STAMM
TO APPROVE HFTA
INSTRUCTOR HOURLY
RATE AS PRESENTED

MOTION CARRIES BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT

10. HFTA PLAN B TRAINING SCHEDULE

10.1 – HFTA PLAN B TRAINING SCHEDULE

CHIEF ERIC STAMM PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING PLAN B CALENDAR FROM AUGUST 2026 THROUGH MAY 2027. THE BOARD SUPPORTED THE EFFORT TO CREATE VALUABLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES BUT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PLAN B's ON THE SCHEDULE TO FOUR (4). THE REASON FOR DECREASING PLAN B TRAININGS IS DUE TO AGENCY INTERNAL CALENDARS, PROMOTIONAL EXAMS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. THE BOARD HAS ASKED CHIEF ERIC STAMM TO COLLABORATE WITH THE TRAINING OFFICERS AND PRESENT A NEW, UPDATED PLAN B SCHEDULE (DRAFT) TO BE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED AT THE OCTOBER HFTA BOC MEETING.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

HFTA BOC meeting was adjourned at 0856 by Chief HARLEY WALLACE

**CLERK OF THE BOARD POSTED THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 4, 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