



**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD PACKET**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period.
- 4. DIRECTORS ITEMS**
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR** (All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.)
 - A. Approval of minutes of Regular meeting held on November 16, 2023
 - B. Approval of minutes of Special meeting held on December 7, 2023
- 6. CHIEFS REPORT**
 - A. Budget Review
- 7. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Paramedic school sponsorship and contractual agreement

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION

- 8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).) Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation
 - B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).) Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
 - C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b).) Public Employment/Discipline/Release

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION

- 9. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Squad 51 Ready to Serve The Community
- B. Christmas Tree/Parade Time

12. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

13. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting February 8, 2024

In compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting via teleconference, please contact Chief Glenn Brown by telephone at 530.333.4111. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the District’s front door at Georgetown Fire District, at 6281 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on January 5, 2024.

/s/ Glenn Brown
Chief Glenn W. Brown

January 5, 2023
Date

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634

November 16, 2023

9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CTO by **V/President Anderson** at 0901

Roll Call:

President Davis Absent
V. President Anderson Present
Director Brown Present
Director Williams Present
Director Webb Present

Fire Chief Brown

Office Manager, Julie Medsger

V/President Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public in Attendance:

Ken Pauley
Josh Holtgrieve
Tom McGrady
Adam Harnage

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Williams motioned to adopt the agenda. **Director Webb** seconded the motion.

President Davis Absent
V. President Anderson Aye
Director Brown Aye
Director Williams Aye
Director Webb Aye

The motion passes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period. – **NO COMMENTS**

4. DIRECTORS ITEMS

The directors would like a copy of the Chief's Annual performance letter

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on October 12, 2023
- B. Financial information - Monthly Financials

Director Webb motioned to approve the consent calendar. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

President Davis	Absent
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Aye

The motion passes.

6. CHIEFS REPORT - SEE REPORT

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. GFD Policy Manual - Sections 100 (Fire Service Authority) & 200 (Organizational Structure)

-TABLED

**-BOARD MEMBERS WILL SUBMIT UPDATES/CONCERNS OF THE POLICY MANUAL
FIRST WEEK OF 12/2023**

B. Employee Health Benefits - Memorandum of Understanding:

i. Retiree Health Care

ii. Holiday Pay Modification of 56-Hour Employee

iii. Holiday Pay Averaging – Beginning January 1, 2024

Director Webb motioned to approve the Employee Health Benefits MOU. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

President Davis	Absent
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Aye

The motion passes.

C. Amended Budget

-TABLED

**-CURRENTLY NOT APPROVING AN AMENDED BUDGET, WAITING ON COUNTY TO PRODUCE
THE NUMBERS**

8. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Paramedic school sponsorship and contractual agreement

9. MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE

Needle Nellies Raises \$5,600 for Georgetown Fire Volunteers

A. Brown, Norman named inaugural head of regional fire authority

B. Hearts 4 Heroes: Pawed healers bring relief

10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – NO COMMENT

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – The Next Regular Meeting is December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

-CANCELED 12/14/23 BOARD MEETING

-ADJOURNED @ 1130

Director Willams motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

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/s/ Glenn Brown
Chief Glenn W. Brown

November 8, 2023
Date

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CTO:0900

Roll Call:

President Davis Present

V. President Anderson Present

Director Brown Present

Director Williams Present

Director Webb Absent

Fire Chief Brown

Office Manager, Julie Medsger

President Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public in Attendance:

Ken Pauley

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Williams motioned to adopt the agenda. **Director Anderson** seconded the motion.

President Davis Aye

V. President Anderson Aye

Director Brown Aye

Director Williams Aye

Director Webb Absent

The motion passes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Any public member may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period. – **NO COMMENTS**

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2024 Board Member Elections

Director Davis motioned to elect **Director Anderson** to President and **Director Williams** to Vice President. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

President Davis Aye

V. President Anderson Aye

Director Brown Aye

Director Williams Aye

Director Webb Absent

The motion passes.

B. Fire Parcel Tax FY 2023/24

Director Anderson motioned to approve Fire Parcel Tax FY 2023/24. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

President Davis	Aye
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Absent

The motion passes.

C. Resolution 2023-06 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant

Director Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 2023-06 VFC Grant. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

President Davis	Aye
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Absent

The motion passes.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION
@ 0914

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957, Public Employment 54957 (b)(1)

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION
@0951

5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – NO ACTION TAKEN

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – The Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 0952

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/s/ Glenn Brown
Chief Glenn W. Brown

November 29, 2023
Date

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GEORGETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Office Phone: 530-333-4111
GEOFIRE.ORG



Paramedic School Reimbursement Contract

This serves as an agreement between Thomas McGrady and the Georgetown Fire Protection District (GFD).

Whereas the GFD desires firefighters to become paramedic certified and Thomas McGrady desires to become paramedic certified.

This agreement mutually benefits both parties and will provide funding for Thomas McGrady to become certified as a paramedic through NCTI, which begins February 8, 2024, and completes August 23, 2024.

The Georgetown Fire Protection District agrees to pay the sum not to exceed \$14,000 towards Thomas McGrady's Paramedic Training Program.

Thomas McGrady agrees to successfully complete the Paramedic Training Program and become certified as a Paramedic in El Dorado County.

If, for any reason, Thomas McGrady does not successfully complete the Paramedic Program and becomes certified in El Dorado County, he agrees to pay GFD at a minimum of \$250/month until the total tuition amount is reimbursed to GFD.

If Thomas McGrady completes the Paramedic Training class, becomes a Certified Paramedic, and remains working for GFD for over six years, there will be no required tuition payback to GFD.

Suppose Thomas McGrady becomes a Certified Paramedic through this agreement, and chooses to leave GFD before his six-year commitment; then he will be required to reimburse GFD per the following schedule and again at the minimum of \$250/month:

Leaves before being a Certified Paramedic for one year	\$Full Amount
Leaves between 1 and 2 years of being a Certified Paramedic	\$11,667
Leaves between 2 and 3 years of being a Certified Paramedic	\$9,334
Leaves between 3 and 4 years of being a Certified Paramedic	\$7,001
Leaves between 4 and 5 years of being a Certified Paramedic	\$4,668
Leaves between 5 and 6 years of being a Certified Paramedic	\$2,355

If Thomas McGrady fails to meet the required payback agreement at any time, both parties agree to attempt arbitration to come to a resolution. The losing party will pay all costs associated with the arbitration.

Suppose either party chooses to appeal the arbitrator's decision to a full court proceeding; in that case, the losing party will be subject to all costs of the winning party, including legal fees.

The undersigned agree to this agreement of their own will.

Thomas McGrady

Date

GFD Fire Chief, Glenn Brown

Date

Fees & Tuition



Tuition effective April 1, 2023

Enrollment fee	\$200.00
Tuition	\$10,425.00
Insurance	\$350.00
Lab fee	\$550.00
Technology fee	\$100.00
Student tuition Recovery Fund	\$25.00
Sub-total	\$11,650.00
Clinical Coordinator fee	\$400.00
Field Coordinator fee	\$350.00
Field Preceptor fee	\$1,000.00
Graduation fee	\$100.00
Total tuition and school fees	\$13,500.00

The total charges for the current period of attendance \$13,500.00

The estimated total charges for the entire educational program \$14,890.00

Technology requirements (potential additional student expense)

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion.

There are a number of reasons why the world's population is growing so rapidly. One of the main reasons is that the number of children born to each woman has increased. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that women are now having children at a younger age, and that there is a higher birth rate in developing countries.

Another reason why the world's population is growing so rapidly is that the number of people who are surviving to old age has increased. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that there is a higher life expectancy in developed countries, and that there is a higher death rate in developing countries.

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Courtesy photo

The Garden Valley Fire Protection District was added the firefighting-capable truck Squad 51 to its fleet.

Squad 51 ready to serve the community

Wes Norman

Garden Valley Fire Protection District

The Garden Valley Fire Protection District has revealed the newest addition to its fleet — Squad 51.

Ready to respond as the district's "first out" apparatus, Squad 51 is a new, state-of-the-art fire engine. This smaller, yet mighty apparatus is a testament of GVF's commitment to efficiency, safety and progress.

Squad 51 is built on a robust Dodge 5500 chassis, perfectly balancing size and power. Despite its compact frame, it boasts an impressive capacity of 328 gallons of water, ready to tackle fires with efficiency and speed. Its size is not just a feature but a strategic advantage, allowing it to navigate challenging terrain and narrow private driveways of the community with less risk of damage and greater ease.

The introduction of this vehicle is a game-changer for days with minimal staffing. Designed with the newest tactics in mind, Squad 51 can

be driven and operated with only one person. Although responding to any emergency with one firefighter is a safety concern in itself, this is a crucial advancement, ensuring that even on days with limited personnel, GVF's response to emergencies remains swift and reliable.

Moreover, Squad 51 is a symbol of GVF's commitment to economic and environmental responsibility. Its smaller size means reduced costs for essential components like brakes, tires and fuel. This efficiency translates to a lighter environmental footprint and more resources available for other vital services.

As Garden Valley Fire welcomes this new addition, GVF is not just celebrating a piece of equipment. GVF is embracing a future where safety, efficiency and adaptability are at the forefront of service to the community. This fire engine is a promise to residents that GVF will continue to grow, innovate and protect, ensuring that Garden Valley remains a safe and thriving community for years to come.

Christmas tree



Photo courtesy of Ken Pauley

A gorgeous fir tree is loaded onto a truck Saturday, Dec. 2, to be transported to Main Street in Georgetown, where it serves as the community Christmas tree. Georgetown Fire Department firefighters and volunteers go upcountry to collect the chosen tree.



Photo courtesy of Ron Harris

Georgetown Fire personnel enjoys setting up the Christmas tree every year.



Parade time



Rain didn't dampen holiday spirits as the community came out for the Georgetown Parade of Lights Saturday, Dec. 2. The Color Guard, above, leads parade participants as they roll down Main Street. Sheriff Jeff Leikauf, right photo, was the grand marshal of the parade.



Courtesy photos



Photo courtesy of Sherry Towe



Photo courtesy of Ron Harris

Georgetown's Christmas tree, left photo, brings a glow to Main Street. Sharai Smith with the Georgetown Library, right photo, hands out books along the parade route.