

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, August 2, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Keith Ronchetti, Tom Mendenhall. Board member Michael Pique was away on an excused absence. Also present in person were Yvonne Vaucher, NKechi Okorie, Victor Luquin, CAL FIRE Captains Dean Kowalski and Jason Nagano. Others may have joined by Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 5, 2025, meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$92,550.29, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. The only change was some accrued interest income from the CD. The report was approved. Yvonne Vaucher asked what the money was kept for. Keith explained it was to cover insurance and fees for as long as needed because we do not have a revenue source for the Board.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski introduced Captain Jason Nagano.

He explained that there are now 5 captains at Station 79 and they would be rotating attendance at future board meetings. The station is still short of 3 paramedics.

Defensible Space Inspections will be continuing, first to finish the areas not completed and then to re-inspect homes done 6 months or more ago.

Fires in the county continue to happen but have all been quickly contained so far this season

The county will be getting a C-130 tanker aircraft for firefighting soon.

Currently, medical transports from Station 79 are taking 3-5 hours.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board: Cliff Kellogg reports they have not met since May. The next meeting will be September 8.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger is away; no report.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. Focus is on preparing for the August 30 Mountain Hoedown. A motion was made to fund the staining of the new stage for a budget of \$1000. Approved. Discussion of the future need to paint the sun-facing side to the Community Center.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Yvonne Vaucher presented minutes from the July 23 meeting, available at palomarfiresafecouncil.org/minutes. The next FSC meeting will be 9 AM August 23, in person at the CCPM and by Zoom.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): Next meeting is 10 AM August 23, immediately following the 9 AM FSC meeting.

PMCFA/PMVFD Board Elections - Cliff Kellogg will serve as the Election Nominations Chair. Seats now occupied by Keith Ronchetti and Michael Pique are up for election at the August 31 Annual General Meeting.

Adjournment: 10:16 AM 08/02/2025. The next PMCFA meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM), noon Sunday August 31, 2025, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Notes by Tom Mendenhall.

Edited by Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 10/04/2025.