

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 15, 2025

Those Present:

Chief Scott Lindgren
Chairman Ben Johnson
Vice Chair Stacy Noyes
Trustee John Breaux

Trustee Dan Kruger
Trustee Ben Ward
Legal Counsel Paul Cotsonis

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Fogarty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Noyes, Trustee Breaux, Trustee Kruger and Trustee Ward were all present. A quorum was met.

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Noyes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Breaux

Motion approved: 5-0

5. Public Comment

Larry Shussel submitted public comment by letter that was a thank you from the Terrace View Drive neighbors recognizing Keegan Schafer and the Zephyr Crew, including Foster Saunders, Brady Dufloth, and Kevan Cooper for coordinating and completing the replacement of a damaged fence at the Stinger Trail entrance in partnership with the State of Nevada. The letter commended Keegan for his community involvement.

6. Trustee Comments

Chairman Johnson recognized Chief Cranch and his team for the work done at Fire Fest.

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Board Meeting Minutes 09/17/2025
- b. Drug and Alcohol Policy
- c. Job Description – Fire Prevention Engineer/Paramedic (Ancillary)
- d. Job Description – Training/Safety Captain/Paramedic (Ancillary)
- e. Job Description – Captain/Crew Foreman
- f. Personnel Policy – 2.25 Children, Animals, and Visitors in the Workplace

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Vice Chair Noyes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items a. through e. as presented and moved item f. forward to discuss.

Second: Trustee Breaux

Motion approved: 5-0

8. Consent items moved forward:

Chief Lindgren explained that item f. Personnel Policy – 2.25 Children, Animals, and Visitors in the workplace was revised after staff feedback indicated the previous wording was insensitive. The new policy balances welcoming families in the workplace with maintaining operational duties, it has Union support and reflects a collaborative review process.

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve item f. from the consent agenda.

Second: Vice Chair Noyes

Motion approved: 5-0

9. Consolidated Tax Presentation

Jeffrey Mitchell, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Taxation

Jeffrey Mitchell explained the 6 different types of revenue components of CTX tax. The components include Cigarette Tax, Liquor Tax, Government Services Tax (GST), Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT), Basic City County Relief Tax (BCCRT), Supplemental City County Relief Tax (SCCRT).

Revenues are distributed by the state to counties, which then allocate funds to districts. Special districts like fire districts receive “second tier” distributions based on assessed property valuation growth over a five-year period, rather than population.

SCCRT makes up 68% of CTX, the biggest component. It is 1.75% of state sales and use tax.

Douglas County moved to a “non-guaranteed” status making distributions more volatile but potentially higher during strong economic periods.

Chairman Johnson asked if there is a better way to predict the CTX amounts, Mitchell referred to the monthly CTX breakdown posted publicly on the Nevada State Department of taxation website: <https://tax.nv.gov/news-publications/statistics/>

Chief Lindgren explained that for 2-3 years in a row the District experienced CTX shortfalls of about \$250,000 due to overestimated state projections. Mitchell explained that Districts may use their own projections with justification instead of relying solely on state estimates. Mitchell explained there is a base value that carries forward which is adjusted by CPI, the forecast is formula based.

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Mitchell agreed to provide follow up guidance via emailed questions on the process of transitioning from a NRS 318 (General Improvement District) to a 474 (Fire Protection District) designation.

10. Special Recognition

Fire Chief Lindgren

Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Glover	6 Years of Service
Fire Engineer/Paramedic Joseph Fording	5 Years of Service
Fire Engineer/Paramedic Corey McCarthy	5 Years of Service
Fire Engineer/Paramedic Matt Steventon	5 Years of Service
Fire Engineer/Paramedic Nolan Weintz	5 Years of Service
Captain Curtis Baker	4 Years of Service
Firefighter/Paramedic Mason Brewer	3 Years of Service
Firefighter/Paramedic Djair Sancho	3 Years of Service

11. Discussion of Resolution #011-25, proposing the adoption of the 2024 Lake Tahoe Nevada Fire Code, incorporating the 2024 International Fire Code, prescribing regulations to protect life and property from fire, hazardous materials, and explosions, providing for permits, establishing a Bureau of Fire Prevention, and defining officers' powers and duties. Second Reading.

Fire Inspector Kris Rowlett

Fire Inspector Rowlett explained that there was small language changes made to the resolution and no changes made to the code itself.

Vice Chair Noyes made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Second: Trustee Kruger

Motion approved: 5-0

12. Discussion of Resolution #012-25, proposing the adoption of the 2024 Lake Tahoe Nevada IWUIC, incorporating the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, prescribing regulations to protect life and property from fire, hazardous materials, and explosions, providing for permits, establishing a Bureau of Fire Prevention, and defining officers' powers and duties. Second Reading

Fire Inspector Kris Rowlett

Fire Inspector Rowlett explained that North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District did just approve the code today with no changes to the code.

Trustee Breaux made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Second: Trustee Ward

Motion approved: 5-0

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13. Set a date for the Annual Performance Appraisal for the Fire Chief and select Board Members to compile results for the Performance Appraisal

Chairman Johnson

The Board confirmed the Chief's self-evaluation process with two Board members compiling results. Chairman Johnson and Trustee Kruger volunteered to be members of the committee for the Fire Chief Performance Appraisal.

Next week the updates to the Performance Appraisal will be finalized, the updated evaluation will go out to the Board the beginning of November to be completed and returned by the end of November.

The results of the evaluation will be presented to the Board during the December board meeting.

Vice Chair Stacy made a motion that Ben Johnson and Trustee Kruger will represent the committee to complete the Fire Chief Performance Appraisal to be completed and presented at the December Board meeting.

Second: Trustee Breaux

Motion Approved: 5-0

14. District Divisions

Wildland Fire & Fuels Division – Chief Fogarty

The brush rig that was in Oakhurst was released and there are currently no crews or apparatus out of district.

In District operations include:

- Work on six acres of NDSL property in Zephyr Heights
- Completion of Unit 14 Shoreline projects near Kingsbury
- Because of the favorable weather conditions, we will start burning in the next couple weeks to a month
- Upcoming controlled burn projects include a 40-acre lot north of Cave Rock and east of US 50
- Shoreline and Zephyr seasonal employees will end on October 23rd and 25th respectively

Fire Prevention Bureau and Administration – Fire Inspector Rowlett

Inspector Rowlett described a recent incident where Chief Cranch witnessed the brush fire behind Kahle Community Center. The fire was caused by an energized coil of wire located beneath high-tension power lines. The crews quickly contained the fire and prevented further

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spread. Rowlett noted that prior fuels reduction work under the powerline corridor significantly limited the growth, highlighting the effectiveness of the district's mitigation efforts.

Operations – Battalion Chief Prather

Chief Prather highlighted the District's long-standing reputation for excellence in training and he announced Captain Darr as the new training Captain.

The current Fall Fire Academy is progressing well, led by Captain Baker with Captain Johnson doing hazmat training this week. All three of the Districts recruits are performing at the top of their class.

Call volume is slightly higher than usual for this time of year due to a waning shoulder season, increase fire alarms, and automatic aid responses.

Trustee Breaux asked about ISO, Lindgren explained that the District has received preliminary ISO materials and is preparing documents. Engineer Paul Apple will temporarily assist Fire Prevention to complete pre-plans for all commercial properties

15. Review of Monthly Fire District Reports and Activities and Annual Goals and Objectives. No action will be taken

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Fire Fest was recently held in South Lake Tahoe. It was a big success and still a joint effort with the city.

Douglas County School Board Presentation is scheduled for tomorrow at George Whittell High School. Chief Lindgren will present the Fire Science Program, highlighting its progress, achievements, and future.

Fire Science Program:

- Currently in its second year for 10th-12th graders
- Next year will add a third year EMT component for seniors
- Participation is small but strong, with a student transferring from the valley

Trustee Kruger asked if there were any updates on KGID about plowing hydrants. Chief Lindgren explained that there is a lot of discontent about the new contract for various reasons. The District will continue to have the expectation that community access and hydrant snow clearing remain top priorities.

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Vice Chair Noyes asked about the missing figures in the financial report because of the State of Nevada cyberattack. Finance Manager Nolting explained that while she is currently unable to run reports, the District's funds remain accessible, and a buffer is maintained in the General Fund to prevent delays in accessing money.

Chairman Johnson asked whether the District had received the LED retrofit funds that were not supposed to be deducted from property taxes this year. Finance Manager Nolting reported that the LED abatement funds have not been returned; however, the District did receive a 'make-up' ad valorem payment that still needs to be reviewed

16. Public Comment

A community member thanked Chief Lindgren for attending the TRPA meeting and advocating regarding the proposed development on the Globetrotter LLC property adjacent to Station 23. The speaker expressed that the project moved forward too quickly without sufficient public input, noting that access and tree removal had not yet been approved by the Forest Service. They appreciate Chief Lindgren's intervention and hope for more opportunity for public feedback in the future.

Chief Lindgren explained the planned easement off Elks Point Road and the emergency exit on US Hwy 50. He explained that the District is excited about the fuel reduction and fire safety requirements that have never been done and will be done on this private property.

17. Confirm next meeting, Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, at 2:30pm; possible agenda items.

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Submitted by:

Kathy Donovan

Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk