

Southern Park County Fire Protection District
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Board of Directors
Sean English, Board Chair
Mike Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer
Jennifer Taylor III, Director
Mike Parrish, Director
Mike Smith, Director

Special Board of Directors Meeting 2026.03.24

1) Introduction of Visitors

Dan Sullivan

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Sean English - Chair
Mike Brandt – Secretary & Treasurer
Jennifer Taylor
Mike Parrish
Mike Smith

Excused Board Member:

Department members present
Chief Aric Stahly.
Captain Aaron Mandel
Rebecca Killam

3) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:08 PM by Board Chair Sean English

4) Approval of Agenda: Mr. Parrish moved to approve the agenda as published, second by Ms. Taylor; motion carried.

5) Resolution 2026-03-06 for Exemption from Audit for FY2025 (see [attachment 1](#)) Mr. Brandt moved to approve the resolution as published, second by Mr. English; motion carried.

6) Resolution 2026-03-08 Approving new Policy Manual Framework (available on www.guffeyshare.net) Mr. Brandt moved to approve the resolution as published, second by Mr.English; motion carried.

7) Public Input

Mr. Smith recommended that items to be discussed at the meeting be solicited ahead of the meeting and if appropriate, be added to the agenda. This might allow extended discussion of the item.

Questions from D. Sullivan: see questions and answers in [attachment 2](#)

8) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. by Chairman English.

S.P.C.F.P.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District is to provide fire protection and emergency rescue operations within its 240 square mile district boundaries; encourage fire and human caused disaster prevention through community education; ensure the existence of a properly trained team of primarily volunteer firefighters who are able to, and motivated to, respond professionally and work safely; acquire and maintain the necessary equipment; and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire and emergency services departments, as requested.

Attachment 1:

SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION 2026-03-08 FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS The Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S. states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed \$1,000,000, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District exceeded \$1,000,000 for Year 2025; and

WHEREAS an application for exemption from audit for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District has been prepared by CBIZ, an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations issued by the state auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District that the application for exemption from audit for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, has been reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District; that those members of the Board of Directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become part of the application for exemption from audit of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

ADOPTED, this 24th day of March, A.D. 2026

_____/s/_____
Sean English Board Chair

Term Expires: 2027

_____/s/_____
Mike Parrish, Director

Term Expires: 2027

_____/s/_____
Jennifer Taylor, Director

Term Expires: 2027

_____/s/_____
Mike Smith, Director

Term Expires: 2027

_____/s_____
Mike Brandt, Board Secretary, Treasurer

Term Expires: 2029

Attachment 2 3/24/26 Special Meeting – questions from Dan Sullivan

Both action items on this agenda reference enclosures. The audit exemption includes supporting application materials, and the policy resolution includes the Policy Manual Table of Contents version 0.6, which is described as the authoritative tracking document. Those documents are not available in the public materials. So the public is being asked to consider and act on items without access to the underlying documents. Where can those enclosures be reviewed prior to a vote?

On the audit exemption for fiscal year 2025, I understand this may be allowed under state law for qualifying districts, but it reduces independent oversight. Can you confirm that this district meets the eligibility requirements for exemption, and also clarify whether this district has used an audit exemption in prior years or if this is a change? And without a full audit, what level of financial transparency and independent review remains in place?

District underwent a full audit for FY2024 and followed up with a Request for Exemption from Audit for FY2025 as the requirements changed based on Budget amount. The auditing firm reviewed the books and practices and forwarded the request after that process.

On Resolution 2026-03-08, this establishes a policy system where legacy policies remain in effect while new policies are adopted, and the tracking of what is active or superseded is controlled through a Table of Contents maintained by the Board. Without access to that document, it is not possible for the public to determine what policies are currently in effect.

Policies 110 and 130 are being declared superseded, but they are not posted anywhere for public review. So what exactly is being replaced, and how is the public supposed to evaluate that without access to those policies?

In addition, based on the March 18 meeting, actions appear to have been taken on policy related items without clear communication to district leadership at the time. Can you clarify how internal communication is being handled when decisions directly affect district operations?

And finally, the March 13 meeting minutes are still not posted, even though additional meetings have already taken place. I understand there is a timeframe allowed, but decisions are continuing without a complete public record available. When will those minutes be posted?

Minutes are reviewed and posted upon approval.

This is about ensuring the public has access to the same information being used to make these decisions, and that communication is clear both publicly and internally.

Thank you. Dan Sullivan