

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 14, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The January 14, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie at the Palos Fire Protection District, Station 1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, Trustees Kevin McCurrie, Gene Adams, Richard Nogal, and Ed Verdino responded as present. Trustee Thielmann was not present at this time.

OTHER PRESENT: Fire Chief Christopher Courtney, Deputy Chief Gabriele, Attorney Thomas Courtney, Recording Secretary Dana Fischl, and fire station personnel are also in attendance.

A brief discussion ensued surrounding Chief Courtney's retirement effective January 16, 2026.

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel at 7:09 pm. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Adams seconded. By a roll-call vote, the motion passed.

Back in open session at 7:50 pm.

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to revise the agenda to temporarily appoint an Interim Fire Chief. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Adams seconded. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to appoint Deputy Chief Gabriele as Interim Fire Chief effective January 16, 2026, through January 20, 2026. Trustee Verdino made that motion, and Trustee Nogal seconded. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

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Brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to bring before the Board, President McCurrie moved to adjourn the open session at 7:52 pm. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Thielmann seconded. On a roll-call vote, the motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m.



Handwritten signatures of the Board members are displayed below their names. The signatures are as follows:

- Richard J. Nogal (in blue ink)
- Mike Colino (in blue ink)
- Jeff (in black ink)