

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RATIFY PAST ACTIONS OF THE MESCAL J-6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.05 (B), notice is hereby given to the members of the Mescal J-6 Fire District Board and the general public that the Board will consider taking action to ratify past actions of the Board, arguably taken in violation of Arizona's Open Meeting Law. This potential ratification will be considered by the Board at its regular meeting on:

Wednesday, May 29TH, at 6:30 pm
Doors open to the public at 6:00 pm
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, Arizona 85602

The following is a detailed description of the actions to be ratified and all deliberations, consultations and decisions by members of the public body that preceded and related to such action:

At the Board's special meeting held on May 8, 2024, the Board intended to conduct an employment review of the Fire Chief, John Moran. However, prior to the Board going into executive session to conduct the employment review, Chief Moran unexpectedly submitted his written resignation to the Board.

Following Chief Moran's resignation, the Board discussed and took action to begin the search for a new, full-time fire chief, and to ask that Chief Moran stay on the job for six weeks. The Board voted unanimously, 5-0, to take these actions. The May 8, 2024, draft meeting minutes are attached hereto, which further describe the Board's discussions which led up to the vote.

Arguably, some of the Board's discussion and action was not adequately described on the Board's meeting agenda, and if that were true, it would constitute an open meeting law violation. Consequently, in the spirit of full disclosure and transparency, the Board intends to proceed with the statutorily allowed ratification process to affirm its actions taken at the May 8, 2024, meeting.

There is a brief audio/video recording of the Board's May 8th meeting on the District's Facebook page, which can be viewed and or listened to which provides a full description of what occurred.