

**Minutes to the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
Friday, March 1, 2019
10 a.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – all Board members were present, also present was Donna Aversa, attorney for the District.

I would like to ask the Board, have the Board vote to go into executive session pursuant to ARS 38-43103a3 to discuss a conduct issue. So moved by Archibald, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously. [Board went into executive session.]

Call to Order

As legal counsel has stated, everything we discussed during executive session is completely confidential, not to be discussed outside, amongst each other or any body else. Last Sunday I was presented with a complaint on alleged off-duty conduct of the Chief. That was Sunday, today is Friday, so we moved quickly to resolve this. We have a responsibility to the fire district, to the Board, to the Chief and to the community to do that, and that's why we moved so quickly. What I'd like to do is entertain a motion for the Board to retain an external investigator so we can resolve this complaint. Sue Archibald seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. Next motion would be to sign a contract with Katherine Baker, of Green & Baker, to do the investigation and report back to the Board. Motion by Archibald, seconded by Dorney, motion carried unanimously. Investigator will work with the full authority of the Board, and the Board directs both the Board and the employees of SEFD to cooperate with the investigation and NOT to speculate. We all wait for the for the final report. (Aversa: Mr. Chairman, would you like to make that a motion?) Bahti, we can. Johnson: So moved. Dorney, I second that. Call for the motion: motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn made by Johnson, seconded by Webber, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved March 5-25, 2019, _____, Board Clerk.
Susan Archibald