



Blue Ridge Fire District

PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD

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MINUTES of Board Meeting held September 17, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mike Bourne called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Chief Chuck Buddle	Present	Billy Chester	Present via phone
Mike Bourne	Present	Brandon Sewell	Present
Judy Varns	Present		

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to adopt the Agenda. Captain Sewell so moved; Judy Varns seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

The Motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to accept the Board Members' Terms of Office as presented. Chief Buddle so moved; Judy Varns seconded the Motion. All voted yes.
The Motion passed.
- Chairperson Bourne thanked Chief Buddle for his expertise on the PSPRS Local Board and years of service at Blue Ridge Fire District. Battalion Chief Chester also thanked Chief Buddle for his years of service on the Local PSPRS Board and as Fire Chief for the District.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2026. Chief Buddle so moved; Judy Varns seconded the Motion. All voted yes.
The Motion passed.
- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to approve the revised meeting minutes of May 19, 2025. Captain Sewell so moved; Chief Buddle seconded the Motion. All voted yes.
The Motion passed.
- The election of the Local PSPRS Staff Board Member took place by secret ballot. Battalion Chief Billy Chester won the election unanimously. His term expired 10/31/2030.
- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to approve the appointment of Local PSPRS Community Board Member, Harry Markley, to the Local PSPRS Board effective November 1, 2026. His term expires 10/31/2030. Captain Sewell so moved; Chief Buddle seconded the Motion. All voted yes.
The Motion passed.
- The Oath of Office for Battalion Chief Chester and Harry Markley will be determined at a later date. At that time, training requirements will be determined.
- Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for adjournment. All in favor. Adjournment was at 12:14 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Beth Wise
Beth Wise, Secretary
PSPRS Local Board of Trustees

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