

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 21, 2026

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 17:30 hours by Chairperson, Allen Gobel.

Director's Present: Kate Dunlap, Allen Gobel, Jeremiah Karlonas, Kelly Lewis, Don Parsons

Alternates Present:

Staff Present: Chief Gilbert and Mary Pineda

Other Present: Yvonne Kimball (City of Williams Manager), Erik Knight (left at 17:32) and June Karlonas (arrived at 17:41)

Public Comment: On behalf of the Williams Professional Firefighters Association, Erik Knight thanked the Board of Directors for approving Amendment No. 2 To the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Williams Fire Protection Authority and the Williams Professional Firefighters Association (2025-2027). The amendment included an adjustment to PTO and sick leave accrual rates to reflect the increase in hours worked.

Chief Gilbert announced that no closed session would be held during the meeting. Accordingly, Items 8a and 9 would not be discussed.

Kelly Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 8/31/2026 and the 8/1–8/31/2026 Check Registers were presented and discussed. Chief Gilbert noted that an error was made in the date listed on page 3. The date should read 08/1–08/31 instead of 07/01–07/31. Kate Dunlap moved to accept the Financial Reports and approve Check Register listing Checks # 21786 – 21933 out of Columbia Bank Checking xxxxx1215 totaling \$318,864.85 and Check #260-264 out of the Columbia Bank Impact Fee xxxxx1223 totaling \$443,635.50. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

The 2026 Mutual Aid Income and Expense Report was presented.

Chief's Report:

- The August 2026 Stats were presented. Chief briefed the Board on a storage unit fire, barn fire, and two fatal head on motor vehicle collisions that firefighters responded to.
- Update on development projects in progress.
- Chief announced that Assemblymember Cecilia Aguilar-Curry visited Williams Fire Department and, under Assembly Bill 113, signed by Governor Newsom, awarded the department \$500,000, which will be used toward funding the new training facility.

Presentation of Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended 06/30/2025, as presented by Smith and Newell, CPAs.

Kate Dunlap moved to approve the proposed amendments to Policy 26-01 and Policy 26-02. Motion was 2nd by Jeremiah Karlonas. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

Board/staff general discussion: Chief Gilbert announced that applications for the Colusa County Office of Education Fire Academy are now open. He also stated that he would be attending the City of Williams Planning Commission meeting to address the Ella Way Street name change.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:20 hours.

Allen Gobel, Chairperson

Jeff Gilbert, Board Secretary