



## MINUTES

ARCATA FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE CITY OF  
ARCATA

September 10, 2025

3:00 P.M.

*Location: 631 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata*

*Arcata Fire District, Arcata Station Classroom*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Joint Study Session of Arcata Fire District and the City of Arcata was called to order by Director Maynor at 3:00 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Arcata City Council Members present:** Mayor Stillman, Vice Mayor White, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer.

**Arcata Fire District Board of Directors present:** Director Maynor, Director Mendosa, and Director Loudenslager. President Akana and Director Johnson were absent.

**Arcata Fire District Staff present:** Chief Emmons, Assistant Chief Peabody, Assistant Chief McDonald, and Deputy Board Secretary Paula Sheppard

**CalPoly Humboldt Staff present:** Chief of Staff Bethany Gilden, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Fischer, and Associate Vice President of Campus Resilience and Response Cris Koczera

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fred Weise, Gregory Daggett, Joan McGary, Chris

### **4. DISCUSSION**

#### **a. Receive Arcata Fire District's Standards of Coverage Report**

David Rocha, the AP Triton representative gave a thorough presentation of the findings of the Standards of Coverage Report.

The presentation detailed the performance of Arcata Fire District in the areas of finances, feasibility, planning, staffing, management, equipment, communications, EMS, prevention, public education, training, continuing education, and a community risk overview.

Based on the report findings, Rocha made recommendations. As the presentation progressed, Rocha answered questions from the Councilmembers and Board of Directors.

Board Members, Arcata Fire District staff, Council Members, and CalPoly Humboldt staff engaged in a period of discussion regarding the three entities working together, fire crew staffing, and a possible appeal to Cal Fire to establish a station in Arcata.

**Mayor Stillman recommended creating a task force between the City of Arcata, Arcata Fire District, CalPoly Humboldt, and possibly involving community members. There was a consensus of agreement.**

Director Mendosa suggested allowing public comment.

Public comments: Gregory Daggett, Patricia Cambianica, Joan McGary, and Fred Weis.

Brief discussion regarding CPH students being utilized for firefighting interns.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Sheppard  
Deputy Board Secretary

  
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