

GCIFD Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2026

The Gilbert County Island Fire District (GCIFD) governing board met in a properly posted open public meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. The meeting was held at the Southeast Regional Library – Twain Meeting Room, 775 N. Greenfield Road, Gilbert, AZ

The following agenda items were considered at the meeting:

- A. The meeting of the GCIFD board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Biggs.
- B. Chair Biggs led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
- C. Roll Call: Chair Biggs and Members Cazden and Farnsworth were in attendance.
(Absent – Mejia & Payne)

Item 1: Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of June 2, 2026 (GCIFD #26-018):

Motion by Payne / 2nd by Cazden: Approve the minutes of June 2, 2026 as presented;
Passed 4-0.

Item 2: Consideration of appointing an interim member to vacant positions on the governing board pursuant to A.R.S. §48-852.B (GCIFD #26-019).

Tabled until next meeting.

Item 3: Report from Fire Chief regarding the provision of fire and EMS to GCIFD, including but not limited to the following items (GCIFD #26-n/a):

- a) Monthly response and service report: Fire Chief Duggan presented the information from the May and June 2026 response reports. Chief Duggan reported there was a typical number of calls for May, and June was busy with 2 structure fires.

Discussion only – no action taken.

Item 4: Call to the Public: None.

Item 5: Consideration of district financial matters:

- a) Review of monthly financial reports: May and June 2026 (GCIFD #26-020):

The May reconciled finance reports from Maricopa County were presented and reviewed by Administrative Manager Vaughn, as were the monthly financial reports prepared by the district CPA (finance reports included in the board packet). June reports were not ready from the County Treasurer's Office. Maricopa County is continuing to have problems with its reporting system. FDAT still has not been reported since November 2025.

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Motion by Farnsworth / 2nd by Payne: To approve the financial reports as presented; Passed 4-0.

b) Review of invoices / payables and authorization for payment (GCIFD #26-021):

The invoices were presented and there was a request for payment for the following (included in board packet for May and June); PolicyLogic, LLC (\$2,710.25); Angela Bertram, CPA (\$500).

Motion by Payne / 2nd by Farnsworth: To approve the invoices as presented for payment; Passed 4-0.

Item 6: Public Hearing in accordance with A.R.S. §48-853.A.2: To hear taxpayer's comments on the proposed fiscal year 2026/2027 Gilbert County Island Fire District revenue and expenditure budget (GCIFD #26-n/a)

Chair Biggs opened the public hearing for comment. No public present at the meeting. Chair Biggs closed the public meeting.

Item 7: Consideration of fully adopting estimates of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and declaring such to be the budget of the Gilbert County Island Fire District (GCIFD #26-022)

Administrative Manager Vaughn reviewed the budget documents provided within the board packets and discussed the final budget for FY 26/27. The contract cost from the Town of Gilbert is \$1,209,985 The proposed tax levy is \$1,075K, with a tax rate of 1.6047, which is up slightly from last year's tax rate of 1.5849.

Motion by Payne / 2nd by Farnsworth: Consideration of fully adopting estimates and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and declaring such to be the budget of the Gilbert County Island Fire District; Passed 4-0.

Item 8: Consideration of engaging the firm of Angela D. Rath, CPA for the purposes of providing the district's accounting services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 (GCIFD #26-023)

Administrative Manager Vaughn discussed the annual engagement letter from the board's CPA, Angela Rath and recommended retention of Ms. Rath by the GCIFD.

Motion by Farnsworth / 2nd by Payne: To retain the firm of Angela Rath, CPA for accounting services; Passed 4-0.

Item 9: Consideration of items for the agenda of the Gilbert County Island Fire District's next regular scheduled meeting (September 8, 2026) and or a special meeting called by the governing board for the purpose of carrying out its powers and duties (GCIFD #26-024):

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- Standard agenda items
- Insurance Renewal

Item 10: Announcements.

None

Item 11: Adjourn: Motion by Cazden / 2nd by Farnsworth: To adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.; Passed 4-0.

Minutes Approved GCIFD: September 22, 2026.

C. Biggs, Board Chair

L. Cazden, Board Member

J. Farnsworth, Board Member

L. Payne, Board Member