

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
ESPARTO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PO BOX 366, 16960 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA**

MEETING LOCATION: ESPARTO COMMUNITY HALL, 17020 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA 95627

**JANUARY 15, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Rudy Lucero.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Rudy Lucero, Dave Schwenger, John Hulsman, Mitch Roath and Barry Burns
Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence, Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board and Brian Hughes,
General Counsel

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

4. Board Member Communication

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Schwenger to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent:

7. Convene to Closed Session - Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9)

A. 17 Claims Received Against the District

B. 1 Claim Received Against the District

Chair Lucero convened the meeting to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

8. Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Lucero reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 4:35 p.m. Chair Lucero reported that the following actions were taken in Closed Session:

A. Claims – 17 Claims Received Against the District

Action was taken by unanimous vote to reject 17 claims received against the District.

B. Claim – 1 Claim Received Against the District

Prior to consideration of this item, Commissioner Hulsman recused himself, exited the meeting and left the building. Action was taken to reject 1 claim received against the District by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 recusal.

Commissioner Hulsman returned to the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Roath to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Printed Name

Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board

Title