

Board of Trustees

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Mark Vasquez
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Mtn. View Memorial Park**

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Ashley Tarpley
General Manger

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board of Trustees Chairperson Mark Franey called the regular meeting of the Barstow Cemetery District to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

☐ Mark Franey	Present
☐ Tanya Gordon	Present
☐ Mark Vasquez	Absent
☐ Eugene Butticci	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes were made at this time.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

General Manager Tarpley reported that there were three cremations and one full interment in July. She stated that the Cemetery grounds staff was focusing on replacing broken borders around markers to complete as many as possible before the fines are laid. General Manager Tarpley advised that the City of Barstow had issued solicitation for bids to lay the fines in the remaining areas. She also advised that she met with a nursery that recommended planting mature trees before the fines are laid to help the trees establish roots properly. She is receiving pricing from the nursery on trees the District is interested in. General Manager Tarpley thanked the Barstow Action Committee for setting up a meeting between the District and the nursery. General Manager Tarpley reported that she had been in contact with Home Depot, and they had discussed a possible donation. She noted that Home Depot also wanted to reach out to their vendors to see if they may also want to help with the project. She advised that the paperwork for the grant with the San Manuel Indian Tribe is in the final stages and is being reviewed for signature by the tribe. General Tarpley announced the "Remembrance of 9/11" event was being hosted by the Veterans Support Group at the Cemetery on September 5, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. She thanked Mark Franey for his donation of the Space Force flag and acknowledged the Cemetery now has the proper flags to represent all military branches.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – July 15, 2026, 4:00 P.M.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes as presented.

Meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on July 15, 2026, were emailed to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, August 13, 2026, for their review.

Discussion: None.

Motion: Vice Chair Gordon moved, seconded by Trustee Butticci, and the motion carried with three (3) ayes to approve the Minutes as presented. Trustee Vasquez was absent.

BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS FY 26/27

Recommended Action:

Approve the changes to the Rules and Regulations presented by the General Manager for FY 26/27.

Discussion: General Manager Tarpley advised she received confirmation from legal counsel that the District was within their legal rights to offer credit for a purchased site that a customer wished to sell back.

Motion: Trustee Butticci moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gordon, and the motion carried with three (3) ayes to approve the Rules and Regulations for FY 26/27 as presented. Trustee Vasquez was absent.

3. AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN SDRMA PROGRAM

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution of the Board of Directors approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a sixth amended and restated joint powers agreement and authorizing participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority workers' compensation and property/liability programs.

Discussion: General Manager Tarpley advised that if the District participated in the SDRMA program, they would be able to bundle all insurances together which would give them discounts and help the District save money. She added SDRMA would be able to insure the electric UTV given to them through the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management grant, which is a requirement of the grant.

Motion: Trustee Butticci moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gordon, and the motion carried with three (3) ayes to approve the participation in the SDRMA program. Trustee Vasquez was absent.

4. BUDGET FY 26/27

Recommended Action:

Approve Budget presented by the General Manager for FY 26/27.

Discussion: General Manager Tarpley advised that the District had ended the FY 25/26 with a surplus rather than the deficit that was originally projected. She advised that the budget for FY 26/27 was higher than the previous year but projected that with the increase in pricing the District

would end the fiscal year with a surplus of five thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$5235.00).

Motion: Vice Chair Gordon moved, seconded by Trustee Buttici, and the motion carried with three (3) ayes to approve the budget for FY 26/27 as presented. Trustee Vasquez was absent.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Mark Franey: Asked General Manager Tarpley if the fines that would be used in the next phase of the project were the fines already on the Cemetery grounds or if more would be brought in. General Manager Tarpley responded that they would use the fines that were currently on the grounds.

Tanya Gordon: None.

Mark Vasquez: Absent.

Eugene Buttici: Stated the meeting was the first time he had seen the curbing since the project was completed and felt it made a significant difference and improved the overall look of the grounds.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Trustee Buttici moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gordon, and the motion carried with three (3) ayes to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m. Trustee Vasquez was absent.

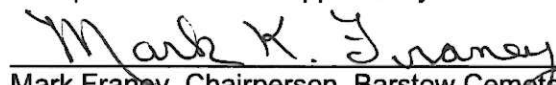
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Barstow Cemetery District, 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Minutes submitted by:



Ashley Tarpley, General Manager, Barstow Cemetery District

Accepted after Board Approval by:



Mark Franey, Chairperson, Barstow Cemetery District