

Board of Trustees

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Tanya Gordon
Mark Vasquez
Eugene Butticci**

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**Ashley Tarpley
General Manger**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 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, September 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

☐ Mark Franey	Present
☐ Tanya Gordon	Present
☐ Mark Vasquez	Present
☐ 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 there was one full burial in August. She advised that the contract had been awarded to backfill the decomposed granite. She stated that, after speaking with the contractor, he confirmed they would be backfilling all three areas that had received curbing from the original funds provided by Paul Cooks' office. General Manager Tarpley reported that the contractor would be installing the irrigation and twenty-three (23) trees using the funds the District received from Burrtec and the Mojave Water Agencies "Strategic Partnership Grant".

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Sluder: Inquired if the General Manager would be reaching out to Home Depot about the discussion of donations. He advised that there were questions from the public about the cremation areas and how close the headstones are to each other. He added he would get with management about the size of a cremation site.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – August 19, 2026, 4:00 P.M.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes as presented.

Meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on August 19, 2026, were emailed to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 10, 2026, for their review.

Discussion: None.

Motion: Vice Chair Gordon moved, seconded by Trustee Vasquez, and the motion carried with four (4) ayes to approve the Minutes as presented.

BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:

2. Conflict of Interest 26/27

Recommended Action:

Approve existing Conflict of Interest for FY 26/27 with no changes.

Discussion: General Manager Tarpley advised the current Conflict of Interest policy was following the State of California and did not need to be amended.

Vice Chair Gordon inquired if the resolution would be updated and brought before the Board in two years to stay in compliance. General Manager Tarpley agreed to bring the resolution to the Board in two years with a change to the resolution.

Motion: Trustee Butticci moved, seconded by Trustee Vasquez, and the motion carried with four (4) ayes to approve the existing Conflict of Interest for FY 26/27 with no changes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Mark Franey: Stated that he felt the 9/11 event was successful. He advised that the American Legion has decided to no longer hold the Veterans Day event at the Cemetery. He said they are hoping this will help to keep the event from being mistaken for Memorial Day and has nothing to do with the group being unhappy with the Cemetery. He announced that the position on the Board of Trustees is still open and encouraged anyone who is interested to apply through the County Clerk of the Board.

Tanya Gordon: Stated she is pleased with the work the staff are doing and is looking forward to seeing progress on the grounds.

Mark Vasquez: Stated that he is happy with the results of the curbing project and thanked the staff for their work.

Eugene Butticci: Reiterated how much of an improvement the curbing has made to the grounds and stated he is looking forward to the continued progress.

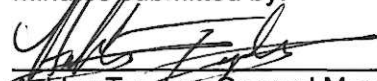
CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Trustee Vasquez moved, seconded by Trustee Butticci, and the motion carried with four (4) ayes to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

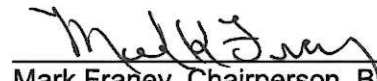
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on October 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Barstow Cemetery District, 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Minutes submitted by:



Ashley Tarpley, General Manager, Barstow Cemetery District

Accepted after Board Approval by:



Mark Franey, Chairperson, Barstow Cemetery District