



**CITY OF ARCATA**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING STUDY SESSION**  
**MINUTES**

**September 10, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Arcata Fire District, Arcata Station Classroom**  
**631 9th Street, Arcata**

Present: Mayor Stillman, Vice Mayor White, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer (arrived at 3:16 p.m.)

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Director of Community Development Loya, Director of Environmental Services Sinkhorn, City Clerk Varley

**A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m. with Mayor Stillman and Arcata Fire District Director Maynor presiding. This meeting was a joint study session with the Arcata City Council and the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire District. Notice of this meeting was posted on September 5, 2025.**

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

All Councilmembers were present; Councilmember Schaefer arrived at 3:16 p.m.

**Members of the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire District present:** Director Loudenslager, Director Maynor, and Director Mendosa.

**Members of the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire District absent:** President Akana and Vice President Johnson.

**Additional District staff present:** Fire Chief Emmons, Assistant Chief Ross McDonald, and Interim Board Secretary Paula Sheppard.

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

AP Triton's District Manager, David Rocha, was also present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Maynor invited public comment.

**Public Comment:** Fred Weis, Gregory Daggett, Joanne McGarry, and Chris.

Director Maynor closed the public comment period.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION**

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

Fire Chief Emmons introduced AP Triton Consultant David Rocha who gave a presentation regarding the Standards of Coverage Report and its findings to the Board of Directors and the City Council.

Councilmember Schaefer arrived at 3:16 p.m.

Throughout the presentation, Consultant Rocha responded to inquiries and comments from the Council and the Directors.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council, Directors, and staff regarding potential next steps to take.

**BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTORS DIRECTED STAFF TO LOOK INTO WAYS OF DEVELOPING A TASK FORCE.**

Councilmember Schaefer left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

**BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTORS ALLOWED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES FOR EACH SPEAKER.**

Mayor Stillman left the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Director Maynor invited public comment:

**Public Comment:** Gregory Daggett, Patricia Cambianica, Joanne McGarry, and Fred Weis.

Director Maynor closed the public comment period.

**Certain direction was given, but no action was taken. There was a presentation and discussion only for this item.**

#### 5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley  
City Clerk