

TOWN OF HOCHATOWN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 11th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
Hocha Town Hall - 101 Rock Oak Lane - Hochatown, OK 74728

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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1. Pledge to the Flag.

Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

2. Opening Prayer.

Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

3. Call to Order.

Who ordered: Mayor Chad Sargent
Time: 1:03 p.m.

4. Roll Call of Board of Trustees.

Trustee Name	Present	Absent
Howard Haggard	Y	
Dian Jordan	Y	
Todd McDaniel		Absent
Chad Sargent	Y	
Brenda Walters	Y	

A quorum was present.

5. Recognition of Guests.

Mayor Chad Sargent recognized the guests and thanked them for their attendance.

Trustee moved ahead to agenda item 10.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to convene into Executive Session as follows:

- a. Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, demotion, promotion, disciplining, or resignation of Julie Arrieta, Kristopher Bearden, Blake Bennett, Karstin Boles, Garrett Byrd, Justin Cherry, Douglas Copeland, Brady Fox, Lindsay Gammon, Gavin Garrett, Cody Gilbert, Misty Green, Clay Hattabaugh, Nathen Koonce, Jason Ledet, Alexander Lindly, Aaron Marsh, Shiloh Martin, Justin Nethercott, Michael Olvera, Ryan Richardson, Tayden Taylor, Adam Vossen, Austin Wheat, Joshua White, and Christopher Williamson.

Motion: To convene into Executive Session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 1:15 p.m.

7. Discussion and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to reconvene in open session.

Motion: To reconvene in open session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 3:35 p.m.

8. Statement of executive session minutes.

The Mayor Chad Sargent announced that the Board met in Executive Session for the purposes to:

- a. Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, demotion, promotion, disciplining, or resignation of Julie Arrieta, Kristopher Bearden, Blake Bennett, Karstin Boles, Garrett Byrd, Justin Cherry, Douglas Copeland, Brady Fox, Lindsay Gammon, Gavin Garrett, Cody Gilbert, Misty Green, Clay Hattabaugh, Nathen Koonce, Jason Ledet, Alexander Lindly, Aaron Marsh, Shiloh Martin, Justin Nethercott, Michael Olvera, Ryan Richardson, Tayden Taylor, Adam Vossen, Austin Wheat, Joshua White, and Christopher Williamson.

No action was taken.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) on any discussion from Executive Session.

Motion: To authorize staff, in coordination with the Town Attorney, to implement a coordinated organizational improvement initiative focused on strengthening leadership alignment, standardizing administrative systems, improving financial operational controls, and enhancing accountability across the Town organization.

By: Brenda Walters

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Justin Cherry.

By: Brenda Walters

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Motion: To create the position of Special Projects Coordinator for the Town of Hochatown and appoint Douglas Copenad to serve in that position under terms that will be presented at next board meeting.

By: Brenda Walters

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to create the position of Assistant Fire Chief for the Town of Hochatown, and to establish an official pay scale for said position.

Discussion was held regarding creation of the Assistant Fire Chief position and establishment of a pay scale. Board members discussed the proposed pay range, future growth opportunities within the department, and review of the associated job description. It was noted that additional time would be provided for review of the job description before consideration of adoption. Fire Chief Cody Gilbert indicated he was comfortable with the proposed pay scale of \$20.00 to \$30.00 per hour.

Motion: To create the position of Assistant Fire Chief for the Town of Hochatown and establish a pay scale of \$20.00 to \$30.00 per hour.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Absent
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) regarding the purchase of a utility truck for the Hochatown Fire Department, including consideration of the following quoted vehicles: a 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder in the amount of \$29,795, a 2021

Ford F-150 Police Responder in the amount of \$39,795, a 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder in the amount of \$55,795, or a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PPV in the amount of \$58,795, in accordance with Town of Hochatown Code of Ordinances Section 3-1-5(F)(4), Open Market Procedure – Unique Items, as previously upfitted specialty vehicles suitable for municipal public safety operations and use.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a utility vehicle for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Cody Gilbert explained that the vehicle would be used for departmental operations, emergency response support, medical calls, barricade deployment, and future Assistant Fire Chief duties. Board members discussed available vehicle options, pricing, existing equipment, warranty coverage, mileage, and overall value. The Board expressed support for the 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder due to its low mileage and existing public safety equipment.

Motion: To authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder four-wheel drive vehicle in the amount of \$56,835, shipping included.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Trustee Todd McDaniel arrived at 1:12 p.m.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) regarding the re-advertisement, recruitment, and acceptance of applications for the position of Building Code Inspector for the Town of Hochatown.

Motion: To re-advertise, recruit, and continue accepting applications for the position of Building Code Inspector for the Town of Hochatown.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Mayor Chad Sargent returned back to agenda item 6.

13. Discussion, consideration and possible action to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 3:39 p.m.