

1 EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2 REGULAR MEETING
3 March 10, 2022
4 VIRTUAL MEETING
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6 Effective June 30, 2021, the Governor's guidance permitted open public meetings to operate
7 in person without regard to capacity limitations. However, the lifting of the restrictions was
8 not, as of June 30, 2021, accompanied by a lifting of the State of Emergency or
9 a modification of Proclamation 20.28-15. Due to these factors, the regular meeting of the
10 EF&R Board of Directors was held virtually, using a remote meeting platform.

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12 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
13 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
14 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
15 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish) (*late arrival*)
16 Alternate Director Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)
17 Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)
18 Alternate Director Tola Marts (City of Issaquah)
19 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)
20 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
21 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch
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23 **AUDIENCE:** Alternate Director Ray Mullen (Fire District 10)
24 Alternate Director Heather Koellen (City of North Bend)
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26 **ABSENT:** Board Director Kali Clark (*unexcused*)
27 Board Director Zach Hall (*unexcused*)
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29 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll call.
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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
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33 **CONSENT AGENDA:**
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35 Director Pedee requested that the February 10, 2022 meeting notes be amended to reflect
36 the following District 38 FAC representatives: Directors Talbot (Primary) and Pedee
37 (Alternate).
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39 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
40 SANDALL TO: Approve the Consent Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

- 41 1. Agenda Bill 2022-06 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
 - 42 2. Agenda Bill 2022-07 (Write-Off Request)
 - 43 3. Agenda Bill 2022-08 (IT Equipment – Release of Interest and Surplus)
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45 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
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47 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 48 • COVID-19: We are continuing to see cases trending down and will be respecting the
49 changes coming effective March 12, which includes no longer masking or requiring daily
50 testing in Department facilities. Masks are still required on emergency calls.

- 51 • EEOC Complaint: A religious discrimination complaint was filed by an employee currently
52 on a six month leave of absence due to unvaccinated status. Our insurance agency will
53 handle the proceedings, and the Board of Directors will be updated as the process
54 continues.
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56 Director Moran joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.
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- 58 • PFAS: Staff has been working on an IAA with the Department of Ecology for several
59 weeks to secure \$350,000 to allow a continuation of the investigative work. A grant
60 application has been submitted for a \$2.4 million Model Toxic Control Act grant for 2023
61 • King County Councilmember Sarah Perry reached out to the Department with interest in
62 coordinating behavioral health and wildfire response. She has set regular meetings to
63 discuss these topics.
64 • Chief Clark reported that he will be out of the office from March 11 to March 21. Assistant
65 Chief Lane will be Acting Fire Chief in his absence.
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67 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 68 1. Agenda Bill 2022-09 (EF&R and Department of Ecology IAA): IT WAS MOVED BY
69 DIRECTOR SANDALL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR REH TO: authorize the Fire
70 Chief to approve the PFAS Interagency Agreement between the DOE and EF&R
71 substantially in the form presented. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0
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73 2. CORE Connect Quarterly Report: Deputy Director Formisano presented the CORE
74 Connect Report. Discussion ensued.
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76 3. CORE Connect Funding Outlook: Deputy Director Formisano presented the CORE
77 Connect Funding Outlook. Discussion ensued.
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79 4. Training Consortium Presentation: Assistant Chief Lane presented on the past and
80 future of training at EF&R. Discussion ensued.
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82 Director Hatcher-Mays left the meeting at 4:44 p.m.
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84 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 85 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
86 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
87 3. EF&R Traditional Media Report: Included in packet
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89 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
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91 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None.
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93 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 94 • EF&R Agenda Review – March 30, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (*Virtual*) (*North Bend*)
95 • Warrant Review – April 14, 2022 (*North Bend to schedule with ap@esf-r.org*)
96 • EF&R Board Meeting – April 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (*In Person*)
97 • Possible joint meeting with Woodinville Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners
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99 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

