

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **May 12, 2022**
4 **IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

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6 This meeting was conducted in person and virtually in compliance with the Governor's
7 Proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings.
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9 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
10 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10) (*virtual*)
11 Alternate Board Director Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)
12 Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
13 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
14 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
15 Alternate Board Director Tola Marts (City of Issaquah)
16 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)
17 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
18 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch

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20 **AUDIENCE:** Alternate Director Ray Mullen (Fire District 10)
21 Alternate Director Chris Dahline (City of North Bend) (*virtual*)
22 Commissioner Don Smith (Fire District 10)
23 Commissioner Michael Dowling (Fire District 10) (*virtual*)
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25 **ABSENT:** Board Director Kali Clark (*excused*)
26 Board Director Chris Reh (*excused*)
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28 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll call.
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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

31 Public comments provided per the attached meeting sign-in sheets.
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33 Alternate Director Karen Howe joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.
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35 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

36 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HOWE TO:
37 Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

- 38 1. Agenda Bill 2022-12 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
 - 39 2. Agenda Bill 2022-13 (Write-Off Request)
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41 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
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43 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 44 1. Agenda Bill 2022-14 (Training Tower): IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR PEDEE,
45 SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS TO: approve the request for the
46 WHP training tower as proposed. MOTION CARRIED, with 6 voting in favor,
47 Director Sandall voting against, and Alternate Director Howe abstaining.
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- 49 2. Strategic Plan Discussion: Chief Clark presented the strategic plan employee and
50 community feedback. Discussion ensued. Chief Clark reported that the Advisory

51 Board is meeting on May 23, at which time they will discuss priorities and objectives
52 that will be brought to the Board for discussion in their July meeting.

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54 3. Virtual Meeting Attendance Discussion: Chief Clark requested clarification about the
55 Board rules as it relates to in person and virtual attendance. Discussion ensued.
56 Board Secretary Frisch will send rules to all Directors for review in preparation for
57 discussion at the June regular meeting.

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59 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 60 • COVID-19: The mask mandate for King County has been lifted, but there is still a
61 mandate in place for our personnel while they are working in healthcare settings. Point
62 of Care testing continues to be voluntary, and we continue to limit access to community
63 rooms. Two additional former employees have filed complaints with the EEOC, bringing
64 the total complainants to four. The same counsel has ben assigned by our insurance
65 company.
- 66 • PFAS: Chief Clark reported that the PFAS Executive Committee met and received a
67 briefing from EF&R's consultant on the most recent testing results as well as the scope
68 of EF&R's new \$350,000 grant with DOE. EF&R's consultant and legal counsel will be
69 at the June EF&R meeting to provide a detailed update to the Board and address
70 questions or concerns.
- 71 • 2021 Annual Report: Chief Clark reported that the 2021 Annual Report is completed and
72 will be published to the website.
- 73 • Chief Clark reported that he will be on vacation until Monday, May 23, 2022. Assistant
74 Chief Lane will be Acting Chief in his absence.
- 75 • Chief Clark announced his intent to retire from EF&R at the end of 2022. He
76 recommended the appointment of Assistant Chief Lane to Fire Chief, and suggested the
77 Board establish an ad-hoc committee to discuss a path forward.

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79 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS
80 TO: establish an ad hoc committee, comprised of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, and two other
81 representative members appointed by the Chair and Vice Chair, to discuss next steps and
82 report back with action for June meeting. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

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84 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 85 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
86 2. EF&R Traditional Media Report: Included in packet

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88 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

89 None.

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91 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

92 Directors Sandall and Hatcher-Mays reported that the KCFCA is looking for data about tax
93 exempt properties in order to determine what the impact is on revenue.

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95 Director Gothelf reported that North Bend is hosting a jazz walk off of North Bend Way on
96 Saturday, June 4.

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98 Director Hall thanked those members of the public for participating in the public policy
99 process by speaking during the public comment period. He noted that no action is to be
100 expected at this point, but the Board appreciates the feedback.

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CALENDAR REVIEW

- EF&R Agenda Review – May 25, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (Virtual) (Sammamish)
- Warrant Review – June 9, 2022 (Sammish to schedule with ap@esf-r.org)
- EF&R Board Meeting – June 9, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (In Person)
- Celebrate Woodinville Pancake Breakfast – August 13, 2022 at Station 31

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.




Nicole Frisch, Board Secretary



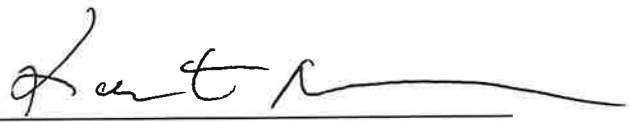
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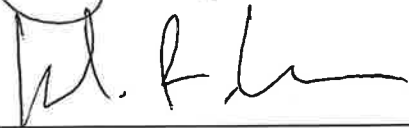


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