

1 EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2 REGULAR MEETING
3 June 9, 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 Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
11 Board Director Kali Clark (City of Sammamish)
12 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
13 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)
14 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
15 Alternate Board Director Tola Marts (City of Issaquah)
16 Board Director Chris Reh
17 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
18 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch
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20 **AUDIENCE:** Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)
21 Ray Mullen (Fire District 10)
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23 **ABSENT:** Board Director Zach Hall (*excused*)
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25 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll
26 call.
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28 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
29 Public comments provided per the attached meeting sign-in sheet.
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31 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**
32 June 2022 retirees – BC Dave McDaniel and Lt. Rick Reynolds
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34 **CONSENT AGENDA:**
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36 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER
37 MAYS TO: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

- 38 1. Agenda Bill 2022-15 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
 - 39 2. Agenda Bill 2022-16 (Write-Off Request)
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41 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.
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43 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 44 1. Subcommittee Recommendation: Director Gothelf provided an overview of the
45 subcommittee meetings held May 25 and May 26, 2022.
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47 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY
48 DIRECTOR PEDEE TO: Authorize the Board Chair and Vice Chair to negotiate
49 an employment agreement with Assistant Chief Ben Lane for the position of Fire
50 Chief. Once agreed upon the Employment Agreement will be returned to the
51 Board of Directors for final approval.
52 Discussion ensued.

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54 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR REH, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL
55 TO: Table the motion until the July regular meeting.

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57 Discussion ensued.

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59 Director Reh, with agreement from Director Sandall, rescinded the motion to
60 table.

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62 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
63 HATCHER-MAYS TO: enter into Executive Session for further discussion.
64 MOTION FAILED, 4-4.

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66 DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS RESTATED HER ORIGINAL MOTION TO:
67 Authorize the Board Chair and Vice Chair to negotiate an employment
68 agreement with Assistant Chief Ben Lane for the position of Fire Chief. Once
69 agreed upon the Employment Agreement will be returned to the Board of
70 Directors for final approval. IT WAS SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MORAN.
71 MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

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73 2. Agenda Bill 2022-17 - Juneteenth: IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR CLARK,
74 SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS TO: Approve Resolution 22-01 as
75 presented. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0

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77 3. Agenda Bill 2022-18 – Budget & Expense Draft: IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR
78 MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL TO: refer the 2023-2024
79 Revenue and Expense Budget to the Finance Administrative Committee for
80 review. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0

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82 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 5:05 p.m., the Board of Directors moved into Executive
83 Session for 45 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel
84 representing the agency litigation or potential litigation.

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86 At 5:50 p.m., the Board extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes.

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88 The Executive Session ended at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken.

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90 **CHIEF BRIEFING**

91 • COVID-19: The Department continues to see a couple employees out sick due to
92 COVID-19. The mask mandate for King County has been lifted, but there is still a

93 mandate in place for our personnel while they are working in healthcare settings. Point
94 of care testing continues to be voluntary, and we continue to limit access to community
95 rooms. The Department received it's sixth EEOC complaint today. Staff has been
96 advised by legal that the process will likely take six to nine months.

- 97 • Woodinville PD (WPD): WPD has reached out to us about contracting with CORE
98 Connect. Their intent is to have a contract passed with their city. The EF&R Board of
99 Directors could see a contract for approval at the July meeting. They are anticipating
100 six referrals per month.
- 101 • Promotional Process: The Department is promoting 1 BC, 4 Captains, 10 LT's and 8
102 Engineers over the next month.
- 103 • Recognitions: Chief Clark extended thanks to BC Anderson, who, with very short
104 notice, took part in a town hall discussion with Representative Kim Schrier. He
105 represented the department very well. Chief Clark congratulated Deputy Directors
106 Bryson and Formisano who graduated from the Seattle Fire Executive Leadership
107 Academy.
- 108 • PulsePoint: This program is now available county-wide. Chief Clark encouraged the
109 Board of Directors to review the press release that accompanied the Fire Chief
110 Briefing.

111 112 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 113 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
- 114 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
- 115 3. EF&R Traditional Media Report: Included in packet.

116 117 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

118 Director Moran announced that she has resigned from the Sammamish City Council
119 effective June 15, 2022. Everyone wished her well.

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121 Deputy Director Formisano thanked the Board for their continued support of the CORE
122 Connect program. She reported that, after working with the department for over a year,
123 Rebecca Rice and Erica Stapleton are official EF&R employees as of last week.

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125 Director Gothelf reported that North Bend is hosting a block party in July.

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127 Director Reh reported that the 4th of July parade through downtown Issaquah is back on
128 for 2022.

129 130 **CALENDAR REVIEW**


- 131 • EF&R Agenda Review – June 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (*Virtual*) (FD10)
- 132 • Warrant Review – July 14, 2022 (FD10 to schedule with ap@esf-r.org)
- 133 • EF&R Board Meeting – July 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (*In Person*)
- 134 • Celebrate Woodinville Pancake Breakfast – August 13, 2022, 8:00 a.m. at Station 31
- 135 • Cadet Graduation – August 13, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Station 85

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137 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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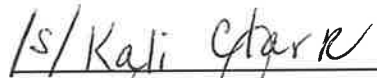

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~~Nicole Frisch, Board Secretary~~
Melissa Knutson


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