

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **June 10, 2021**
4 **VIRTUAL MEETING**
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6 On March 24, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 prohibiting open public
7 meetings from occurring in person. Due to these factors, the regular meeting of the Board
8 of Directors of Eastside Fire & Rescue was held virtually using a remote meeting platform.
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10 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
11 Vice Chair Stacy Goodman (City of Issaquah)
12 Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)
13 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
14 Board Director Alan Martin (Fire District 10)
15 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
16 Board Director Chris Ross (City of Sammamish)
17 Board Director Matt Talbot (Fire District 38)
18 Board Secretary Jamie Formisano
19 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
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21 **AUDIENCE:** Alt. Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
22 Alt. Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
23 Alt. Board Director Ken Gamblin (City of Sammamish)
24 Commissioner Don Smith (Fire District 10)
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26 **ABSENT:** None
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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:** None
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32 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

33 Retirement Recognition

- 34 ○ Deputy Chief Tryon, 27 years of service
- 35 ○ Captain Ducey, 30 years of service
- 36 ○ Lieutenant Spohn, 30 years of service
- 37 ○ Firefighter Brian Johnson, 23 years of service
- 38 ○ Firefighter Brian Dotson, 30 years of service
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40 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

41 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GOODMAN TO:
42 Approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

- 43 1. Agenda Bill 2021-19 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
- 44 2. Agenda Bill 2021-20 (Write-Off Request)
- 45 3. Agenda Bill 2021-21 (IT Surplus Equipment)
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47 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

48 Finance and Administrative Committee (FAC): (no meeting held)
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50 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 51 • COVID-19/Vaccination Operations: The mass vaccination site will be ending operations
52 on the June 12, 2021. Over the course of the last several months we have delivered
53 almost 15,000 doses of vaccine at the site. As vaccination operations stand down, we
54 remain ready and able to stand operations back up should the need arise for future
55 boosters. We are anticipating Governor Inslee will move the region into Phase 4 by July
56 1, 2021. While the community will be moving forward, we will make the transition to a
57 “new normal” gradually. Below are a few examples of what to expect for the rest of 2021:
- 58 • Mask Directive: Two weeks ago, EF&R implemented a mask mandate in line with
59 L&I’s most recent directive which allows those that have been vaccinated not to wear
60 a mask while at work or in the office, while those that have not been vaccinated must
61 continue to wear a mask. Discussion ensued regarding masks and vaccine
62 mandates.
 - 63 • Public meetings: As soon as we move to Phase 4 we anticipate being able to move
64 back to in person EF&R Board meetings.
 - 65 • Inspections: We will be facilitating a self-inspection process once again for 2021. We
66 want to provide businesses the opportunity to return to normal before taking up their
67 time with a visit from us, while maintaining a focus on fire safety by providing the self-
68 inspection process.
 - 69 • EF&R Office: We will continue to provide staff the opportunity to work from home. We
70 are confident we have found a productive balance with telecommuting. The office
71 hours will continue to be 8am-5pm Monday through Thursday.
 - 72 • Ride-alongs and station community rooms will continue to be closed. When I am
73 confident that the immunization rate is high enough and that there is no Fall relapse,
74 I will consider exposing the stations to more people at that time.
 - 75 • PFAS: The Executive Committee met this month to discuss the work plan for the new
76 \$300,000 that will be completed by the end of June 2022. This work continues to be on
77 track. There was also discussion on whether EF&R’s final report for the last phase of
78 work will include Issaquah’s groundwater modeling report or if they would be separate.
79 Since they are funded under separate grants it was agreed that the reports would be
80 separate. Sammamish Plateau Water invited EF&R to investigate cost recovery options
81 for manufacturers of PFAS. The State DOE has inquired what the next round of work will
82 be to request budget funding.
 - 83 • WSRB: Participated in meetings with WSRB and the Washington State Fire Chiefs
84 concerning EF&R’s desire to change the five-mile rule currently utilized by WSRB. This
85 has been in the works for some time in response to community members in the
86 Mirrormont neighborhood in Fire District 10. This will be a lengthy process, but I am
87 confident it is time to start to bring some public attention to the antiquated WSRB rating
88 system.
 - 89 • Annual Reports: Included in the General Administrative Reports and they are located
90 online as well. Thanked staff for their work in completing the reports.
 - 91 • Interim Deputy Chief: Battalion Chief Dana Schutter has been promoted to Interim
92 Deputy Chief to fill Greg Tryon’s vacancy through the end of 2021.
 - 93 • Burn Ban: Annual burn ban moratorium was published today. The Fire Marshals will be
94 presenting a coordinated strategy in rolling out the burn bans this year.

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96 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 97 1. C.O.R.E. Connect (CORE) Update: (*presentation attached*) Provided an overview of
98 program goals, milestones achieved, the referral process, an in-depth look at the case

99 management software program Julota, and two stories that speak to the resources
100 CORE can provide. The Board recommends that the CORE program is presented at City
101 Council meetings. Chief Clark encouraged each agency to support collaboration through
102 the software program with their partners in police.

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104 2. EF&R Board Meetings / Open Public Meetings Act: The Board is willing to have in-person
105 Board meetings based on the Governor's phases and restrictions beginning in
106 September. The Board will discuss developing a process and protocols at the July Board
107 meeting.

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109 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 110 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
111 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
112 3. Mercer Island Fire Chief Activity Report: Included in packet.
113 4. Mobile Vaccination Coverage Map: Included in packet.
114 5. Annual Budget Report: Posted online.
115 6. Annual Report: Posted online.

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117 **Executive Session:** None

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119 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** King County Fire Commissioners are working on continuing
120 education for elected officials. Agreed to add as an agenda item during the July Board
121 meeting.

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123 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 124 • FAC – TBD (*Virtual*)
125 • Recruit Academy Graduation – June 17, 6:00 p.m. (*Virtual or in person at New Life Church,*
126 *15711 152nd Ave SE, Renton, WA*)
127 • EF&R Agenda Review – June 23, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (*Virtual*) (FD10)
128 • Warrant Review – Complete by July 8, 2021 (*FD10 to schedule with ap@esf-r.org*)
129 • EF&R Board Meeting – July 8, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (*Virtual*)

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131 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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133 **SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS: VIRTUALLY APPROVED BY BOARD DIRECTORS ON**
134 **July 8, 2021. (Vote: 8-0)**