

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **July 8, 2021**
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 Vice Chair Stacy Goodman (City of Issaquah)
14 Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)
15 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
16 Board Director Alan Martin (Fire District 10)
17 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
18 Board Director Chris Ross (City of Sammamish)
19 Board Director Matt Talbot (Fire District 38)
20 Board Secretary Jamie Formisano
21 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
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23 **AUDIENCE:** Alt. Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
24 Alt. Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
25 Alt. Board Director Heather Koellen (City of North Bend)
26 Alt. Board Director Chris Dahline (Fire District 38)
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28 **ABSENT:** None
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30 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll call.
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
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34 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** None
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36 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 39 1. Agenda Bill 2021-22 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
40 2. Agenda Bill 2021-23 (Write-Off Request)
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42 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

43 Finance and Administrative Committee (FAC): *(no meeting held)*
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45 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 46 • COVID-19: Governor Inslee moved the region into Phase 4 July 1, 2021. While we can
47 move back to in-person EF&R Board meetings we are working on solutions for a virtual
48 component to have in place in September.
49 • PFAS: The Executive Committee met to discuss the work plan for the new \$300,000 that
50 will be completed by the end of June 2022. The Executive Committee will continue to

51 meet monthly. We are working with our legal and consulting team to provide DOE, at
52 their request, with a scope and cost for a future phase of work.

- 53 • Financial Briefing: The 2020 financial audit report recently concluded by Clark Nuber was
54 included in the Board packet. Clark Nuber provides the financial audit and the State
55 Auditor's conducts the performance audit currently planned for in the Fall. Once again,
56 there were no findings. Thanked staff for great job this year.
- 57 • Eastside Fire & Rescue Mount Baker Fundraiser Climb: A team of EF&R employees and
58 reserves organized a fundraising event that raised awareness and support for a variety
59 of philanthropic causes throughout the community.

60 61 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 62 1. Agenda Bill 2021-24 (Approval of Firefighter & Company Officer Collective Bargaining
63 Agreement): Provided an overview of the negotiation process. Thanked the Union for
64 their collaboration. On July 1, 2021, the Union ratified the agreement. The Board
65 approved the COLA strategy in a previous meeting and will see that implemented this
66 year. IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
67 HATCHER-MAYS TO: Approve the 2021-2024 Firefighter & Company Officer Collective
68 Bargaining Agreement. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.
- 69 2. Agenda Bill 2021-25 (Revised Board Policy 0004 Minimum Staffing): IT WAS MOVED
70 BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MARTIN TO: Approve the
71 revised EF&R Board Administrative Policy 0004, Minimum Staffing, as presented.
72 MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.
- 73 3. Agenda Bill 2021-26 (City of Issaquah Station 71 MOU): Provided an overview of the
74 project and collaborative discussions with the City of Issaquah. IT WAS MOVED BY
75 DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MARTIN TO: Adopt the
76 Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Issaquah for improvements to Fire
77 Station 71. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.
- 78 4. Discussion & Possible Action: Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement: Briefed on
79 the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement. The City of Sammamish was the first
80 within King County to take formal action with a proclamation of support. Chief will request
81 action of the Board in a future meeting.
- 82 5. Discussion: EF&R Future Board Meetings: Discussed the options of reconvening in-
83 person with the option of a temporary virtual meeting. EF&R's attorney clarified that a
84 phone in option will meet the virtual requirement. Discussion ensued and suggestions
85 were provided. Staff will draft a revised Board Policy to be considered during the
86 September Board meeting.
- 87 6. Funding Formula Director Feedback: During the May Board meeting, the funding formula
88 was discussed. To fully prepare for the September discussion, the Board provided input
89 regarding the following areas: complexity of the current formula, staff time to support
90 initiatives, City/District involvement in initiatives, and costs of shared facilities.
- 91 7. Cedar Hills Brush Fire Briefing: (presentation attached) Provided an overview of the
92 Brush Fire, including challenges crews faced and resources deployed. The fire was on
93 the hottest day on record in the State. Staff worked with local agencies, as well as
94 helicopter and wildland resources. Eventually, State Mobilization was called, and a Type
95 3 Incident Management Team was deployed to assist. No significant damage, no
96 structure damage, no injuries. An in-depth briefing will be provided at the EF&R Board
97 meeting. The Board recognized the efforts of staff and local/state resources.
- 98 8. Standards of Cover (SOC) Update: The [Standards of Cover](#) is located on the EF&R
99 website.

101 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 102 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
103 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
104 3. Mercer Island Fire Chief Activity Report: Included in packet.

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106 **Executive Session:** In accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss matters related to
107 collective bargaining. The Executive session is expected to last 20 minutes. The Regular
108 Meeting was adjourned, and the Executive Session began at 5:01 p.m. The Executive
109 Session was extended 20 minutes. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.
110 No action was taken.

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112 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 113 • Discussed events within the areas! Redmond World Whiskey Day and North Bend Sip &
114 Suds.
115 • Thanked Commissioner Sandall for the amazing firework send-off for EF&R retirees.
116 • Grants available for [Small Businesses](#) within unincorporated areas of King County.

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118 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 119 • FAC Meeting –TBD
120 • EF&R Agenda Review – July 21, 2021, **CANCELLED**
121 • EF&R Board Meeting – August 12, 2021, **CANCELLED**
122 • EF&R Agenda Review – August 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m., *(Virtual) (North Bend)*
123 • Warrant Review – Complete by September 9, 2021 *(North Bend to schedule with ap@esf-r.org)*
124 • EF&R Board Meeting – September 9, 2021, 4:00 p.m., EF&R Headquarters *(In Person)*

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126 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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128 **SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS: VIRTUALLY APPROVED BY BOARD DIRECTORS ON**
129 **SEPTEMBER 9, 2021. (Vote: 8-0)**