

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **September 9, 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 Alt. Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
15 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
16 Board Director Alan Martin (Fire District 10)
17 Board Director Matt Talbot (Fire District 38)
18 Board Director Chris Ross (City of Sammamish)
19 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish) (*late arrival*)
20 Board Secretary Jamie Formisano
21 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
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23 **AUDIENCE:** Alt. Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
24 Alt. Board Director Heather Koellen (City of North Bend)
25 Alt. Board Director Chris Dahline (Fire District 38)
26 Alt. Board Director Ken Gamblin (City of Sammamish)
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28 **ABSENT:** Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah) (*Excused*)
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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:** Local 2878 Union President, Dean deAlteriis, relayed certain
33 members concerns regarding vaccinations. Union President deAlteriis requested the
34 Board's consideration to not make vaccinations mandated as a requirement from the EF&R
35 Board.
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37 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with RCW 42.30.110(4)(d) to review negotiations on
38 publicly bid contracts and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss matters related to collective
39 bargaining. The Executive session is expected to last 45 minutes. The Regular Meeting was
40 adjourned, and the Executive Session began at 4:08 p.m. Arrival of Director Moran during
41 Executive Session. The Executive Session was extended four times for a total of thirty
42 minutes. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. No action was taken.
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44 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 47 1. Agenda Bill 2021-28 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
48 2. Agenda Bill 2021-29 (Write-Off Request)
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50 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

51 Finance and Administrative Committee (FAC): No meeting held. There will be a virtual FAC
52 meeting on September 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

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54 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 55 • COVID-19: Governor Inslee issued a vaccine mandate beginning October 18, 2021. As
56 part of that mandate, EF&R Firefighters are required to be vaccinated as a condition of
57 holding their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification, a minimum job
58 requirement for all firefighter positions at EF&R. Management and Labor are in the
59 process of bargaining the impacts of this decision. Discussed the current restrictions,
60 which include maintaining closure of public meeting spaces and hosting Board meetings
61 virtually.
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63 • PFAS: The Executive Committee met this month to discuss the work plan for the new
64 \$300,000 that will be completed by the end of June 2022. This work continues to be on
65 track. In October, water testing will be conducted in preparation for the start of the
66 mitigation pilot in November.
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68 • L&I Pilot Program: Briefed on the new L&I Firefighter Injury and Illness Reduction (FIIRE)
69 Pilot Program. This is a two-year safety initiative for employers of professional firefighters
70 to reduce incidence of firefighter occupational injuries and illnesses. Briefed on the
71 assessment survey, which once completed, allows us to save 5% on L&I rates from July
72 – Sept. If we decide to continue with the program after September, a 10% discount will
73 be applied moving forward.
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75 • Wildfire: We continue to be very busy with wildfire responses. We did have a busy season
76 within the EF&R service area that is beginning to subside. EF&R had many wildfire team
77 members deployed over the last two months and currently have members deployed to
78 California, Oregon, and Eastern Washington.
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80 • Northshore Fire District: Northshore Fire District reached out and requested a proposal
81 to provide a contract for fire and EMS services (much like the contract with Woodinville
82 Fire & Rescue). Northshore has two fire stations. The Chief will be entering into
83 conversations with the Northshore Board, if Northshore chooses to enter into a contract
84 with EF&R the terms of the agreement will meet the terms in the current EF&R ILA.

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86 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 87 1. Agenda Bill 2021-30 (Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement Proclamation): IT
88 WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MORAN
89 TO: Authorize the Board Chair to sign the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands
90 Proclamation. Motion Carried 8-0.
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92 2. Agenda Bill 2021-31 (2021 Operating Budget Amendment): IT WAS MOVED BY
93 DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MARTIN TO: Amend and increase
94 the 2021 Expense Operating Budget by \$3,596,540. Motion Carried 8-0.
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96 3. Agenda Bill 2021-32 (Revised Board Policy 0003 Roles & Responsibilities): IT WAS
97 MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GOODMAN TO:
98 Approve the revised Board Policy 0003 Roles & Responsibilities as presented.

99 Discussion ensued and agreed the draft policy requires additional clarity. Director Moran
100 rescinded the original motion.

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102 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
103 MARTIN TO: Direct staff to draft revised language and present to the Board for review
104 at the October Board meeting. Motion Carried 8-0.

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106 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 107 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
108 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
109 3. Mercer Island Fire Chief Activity Report: Included in packet.

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111 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 112 • Commissioner Martin will be moving outside of the District and will not be continuing as
113 Commissioner or Board Director, effective November 1, 2021. The Board stated their
114 gratitude for Commissioner Martin’s service and that he will be sorely missed!

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116 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 117 • FAC Meeting –September 22, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (*Virtual*)
118 • EF&R Agenda Review – September 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m., (*Virtual*) (*FD38*)
119 • Warrant Review – Complete by October 14, 2021 (*FD38 to schedule with ap@esf-r.org*)
120 • EF&R Board Meeting – October 14, 2021, 4:00 p.m., EF&R Headquarters (*Virtual*)

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

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124 **SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS: VIRTUALLY APPROVED BY BOARD DIRECTORS ON**
125 **OCTOBER 14, 2021. (Vote: 8-0)**