

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on May 4, 2021, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley, and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Agenda Approval.** It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: Chief Marrs summarized some stories from the B-Town Blog about recent emergency incidents.

(2) Announcements: WFCB Spring Webinar Series is as follows:

- May 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *Telling Your Agency's Story: PIOs in the Fire Service*
- May 19, 2021, 9:00 to noon, *Labor Negotiations*
- June 2, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to noon, *COVID-19, The Fire Service & Pandemic Response, Lessons Learned*

**Correspondence.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

**Administration Reports.** Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's report as follows:

**Facilities.** N/A.

**Equipment.** A district staff car was stolen. An employee using the vehicle parked it outside of a store but left the keys in the vehicle. The equipment was recovered, and the perpetrator was apprehended. He may face prosecution.

**Personnel.** AC Wayne Metz gave an update from Logistics. Also, 30 candidates were interviewed for the five new firefighter positions. Fourteen have been moved

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forward to the Chief's interview stage. In 2022, potentially 12 new firefighters may be hired.

Chief Marrs said the 5 recruits at the fire academy are doing quite well. He praised the National Testing Service, which has improved our hiring process.

One individual has applied for the salary savings plan for June 30, 2021 retirement.

**Events.** Norm Golden, Deputy Chief at the City of Tukwila Fire Department contacted Chief Marrs regarding the potential for regionalization (creation of a regional fire authority). Tukwila is one of the few cities in Washington that still has its own municipal fire department. Chief Marrs entertained any feedback from the Board. His understanding is that Tukwila is also approaching the Renton Regional Fire Authority and the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority with respect to regionalization. Commissioner Peden spoke highly of regionalization. Chair Elwell stated that the District should keep an open mind about such issues.

Chief Marrs said the annual audit (for 2019!) is still not done. This has been a challenging audit but it seems to be nearly done.

As for a Covid-19 update, Chief Marrs said Governor Inslee issued a two-week pause on any changes in the phases. King County remains in Phase 3, but this will be re-evaluated in two weeks. A rollback would not change anything for District 2, but Chief Marrs understands the impacts on the public. The District has continued its mobile vaccination program. People are not going to the mass vaccination sites as much, and are generally getting vaccinated through appointments. Mobile vaccination sites will be modified into "pop-up clinics." The District will likely be doing a pop-up at the Burien Farmers Market very soon. Chief Marrs said the public's appetite for vaccination seems to be waning.

The District is pivoting back to the normal mode of operations instead of using the "Scout" model. This means more staff available to observe and evaluate patients, in the interest of the best patient care. That change is coming directly from the King County Medical Program Directors.

The Commissioners will have a signing event at Station 28 to catch up on last year's documents that need signing.

Chief Marrs provided an update on the DESC project, which pertains to housing. The Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) has proposed a new affordable housing development in downtown Burien. The link for information about DESC is here:

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[https://www.burienwa.gov/business/community\\_development/planning\\_initiative/s/affordable\\_housing\\_demonstration\\_program/desc\\_affordable\\_housing\\_project#:~:text=Downtown%20Emergency%20Service%20Center%20\(DESC,crisis%20in%20tervention%2C%20and%20employment%20services](https://www.burienwa.gov/business/community_development/planning_initiative/s/affordable_housing_demonstration_program/desc_affordable_housing_project#:~:text=Downtown%20Emergency%20Service%20Center%20(DESC,crisis%20in%20tervention%2C%20and%20employment%20services)

The concept of DESC, according to Chief Marrs, is that reducing homelessness should be “led with housing”. There are some difficult conversations that need to be had. Chair Elwell asked how the District might seek some mitigation as DESC moves forward. Chief Marrs and Attorney Quinn discussed the burdensome process of seeking impact fees.

**Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report and the minutes of the April 20th meeting.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**New Business.** None.

**Good of the Order.** Commissioner Sitterley said that he signed all of the necessary documents that Chief Marrs referenced earlier in the meeting.

**Adjournment.** Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster

Minutes Approved: **May 18, 2021**

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Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:

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Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

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Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

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Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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