

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
NO. 2**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held at Headquarters Station 28 on July 9, 2019, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice, as the regular meeting of July 2nd was cancelled. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending: Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster. Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to excuse Chief Marrs. Motion carried, 3-0.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Presentations/Announcements. (1) Presentations: None

(2) Announcements:

- July 10 – KCFCFA General Membership Meeting at Shoreline Fire Department, Station 61. Speaker is Brendan McCluskey, Director of King County Emergency Management.
- October 23 (Snure Seminar) and October 24-26 – WFCFA 71st Annual Conference at Tulalip Resort in Tulalip, WA. Pre-registration begins shortly.

Correspondence. An email was received from Susan Lane, Resident Services Coordinator at Franciscan Apartments commending volunteers Jared Bowser and Chris Stacey for doing blood pressure checks and related work with Seniors at their facility.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

Administration Reports. Chief Pettigrew delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

Facilities. N/A.

Equipment. The two new engines have arrived and been inspected by mechanics. The next step is to have equipment mounted and then training for crews. New engine 19 had dark oil and metal shavings in the pump transmission. We have consulted with Pierce and Watrous (pump manufacturer) about this. Apparently there is a five-year warranty. We will keep an eye on this issue. The plan would be to surplus the oldest Pierce engine and use the other old engine as a reserve. The oldest engine has about 140,000 miles and the second oldest about 87,000 miles on it. The goal is to have

an engine on the front line about 10 years and then about 5 more years as a reserve engine.

Personnel. Chief Pettigrew discussed the new hire process for firefighters. They are using a list finalized last year. He interviewed three prospects today. We are about ready to make conditional offers of employment. There is an academy starting in September and we anticipate at least three vacancies soon based on projected retirements. A fourth hire is even possible. They would like to even up the staffing on all three shifts.

There was discussion about Commissioner Peden's request to create a job description for the Fire Chief position; Chief Marrs is working on that and it is almost done. With respect to developing a strategic plan for the district, a one-day retreat was suggested so perhaps commissioners could be prepared at next meeting to offer possible dates on their calendars.

With regard to the Public Educator position the agreement is about ready. There is a job description and a draft MOU with the union. The union and management have an agreement in principle. There are no updates from the Patch Committee or with respect to the DRS appeal. We are working on the overtime policy, as well as the education policy and a staffing policy. The consolidation effort with North Highline Fire will be the subject of an article in a Burien News quarterly. The consolidation is going well. As for monthly reports that the board requested, Chief Pettigrew has been working with BC Blaylock on that. Some software inadequacies are preventing this from being accomplished easily.

Events. Chief Pettigrew said the Fourth of July went well with six firefighters working overtime. It was a bit quieter than usual this year. The city of Burien is adopting a stricter fireworks ordinance but it will not be effective until next year. The fines for violations will be much larger. Our department responded to seven fires this holiday, although only two were in Burien. The other five were in unincorporated King County. There was unfortunately one fatality fire (see attached B-Town blog article). Two homes in the 10200 block of 10th Avenue South burned and a 70-year old man died. While no official cause has been determined as of this meeting, neighbors believed it was caused by fireworks. An investigation is ongoing by King County.

It was noted that the next board meeting will be a special meeting on July 23rd, as the regular meeting of July 16th is being cancelled.

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 meeting of June 18, 2019.

Executive Session. None.

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Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Attorney Quinn mentioned the interlocal agreement by which King County agreed, for the first time ever, to pay fire districts for fire service to its properties having buildings and equipment. He also said he had written to Roger Ferris, the WFCOA Executive Secretary, suggesting that improving RCW 52.30.020 should be a legislative priority.

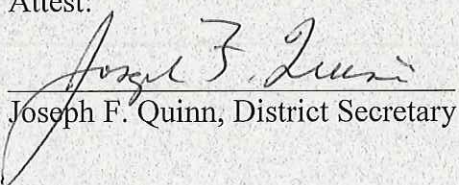
Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 5:43 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.


Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:


1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. KCFCOA flyer for July meeting
5. Email commending volunteers
6. B-town blog article re: fatality fire

Minutes Approved: July 23, 2019.


Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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