

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 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 August 3, 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 5:00 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: None.

(2) Announcements: National Night Out is tonight and the district is running its levy lid lift in the primary election today.

Also: Oct 21-23, 2021: WFCFA 2021 Annual Conference at the Tulalip Resort

**Public Comment.** None.

**Correspondence.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

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

**Facilities.** Chief Marrs said the District participated in a VFIS insurance review. They were completely satisfied with our policies and practices. This turned out to be a much nicer process this time around. Chief Marrs thanked Chiefs Pettigrew and Metz for their assistance.

**Equipment.** The pre-construction meeting for the new ladder and engines is the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel.** Today was the Chief's interviews for Captain promotion to fill Captain Sykes' vacancy. We will have recommendation for the next meeting, Chief Marrs said.

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**Events.** The District had a commercial arson fire this morning on 154<sup>th</sup> Street. The building was in the process of being demolished. Asbestos abatement had been done on the building. Chief Marrs said it was an involved fire. We may have to work with the owner and the insurance company to work on alleviating any impacts of the fire.

Chief Marrs reminded us that the District is running a lid lift this evening in the primary election. He thanked the union for their support in promoting passage of the levy.

Today is National Night Out. The District has about 23 Block Watch events to visit between the four stations.

Chief Marrs updated the board on Covid-19 as follows: The District had two breakthrough cases. The Delta variant appears to be what is causing the spike in cases. Chief Marrs reiterated the guidance of many authorities that if you are out and about but go inside, wear a mask. The Pfizer vaccine is officially an FDA-approved vaccination. Chair Elwell asked if the two breakthrough cases are connected and the Chief said they were. A fully vaccinated firefighter came to work and felt sick the next day. He stayed home. A test indicated he had contracted Covid. The District tested quite a few employees, and one *asymptomatic* employee tested positive. Both employees got fairly sick but recovered fairly quickly. The District is reviewing its protocols as to mask wearing and other safety precautions.

Chief Marrs provided a HB 1310 update on the police reform bills. This is very much a work in process, he said. The District had a great meeting with MPD Ray and individuals from King County EMS. All are committed to establishing appropriate procedures. Law enforcement is keeping the District informed well. There is a glaring lack of resources to deal with certain types of calls, such as mental health crises, and we are working through those issues. The EMS system is not designed for the District to put an engine company out of service for two to three hours to talk someone down from a mental health crisis. The next step is going to be developing alternative response models. Chief Marrs is very pleased with the interactions with law enforcement on these issues. He has been told that if we need police to respond, they will respond. Chair Elwell asked how this might be addressed on a policy level. Attorney Quinn stated that is certainly a matter the Board might discuss with him in executive session.

Chief Marrs asked if the Board was amenable to moving the next meeting out to August 24<sup>th</sup> and the Board indicated their assent.

**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 July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> regular board meetings.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

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**New Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** Trina Norsen said she put Commissioner Peden on a waiting list for a room at the October WFCA conference. AC Wayne Metz said that National Testing's application period is open until August 25<sup>th</sup>. The District also received its Pump Simulator.

**Adjournment.** Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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

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

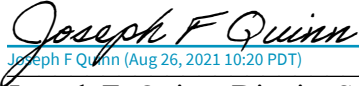
Minutes Approved: **August 24, 2021**



Chris Elwell (Sep 7, 2021 15:23 PDT)

Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:



Joseph F Quinn (Aug 26, 2021 10:20 PDT)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley (Aug 25, 2021 09:32 PDT)

Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner



Rudy Peden (Aug 25, 2021 20:05 PDT)

Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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