

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 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 December 7, 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: Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen and District Secretary Joseph 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.

- a. Presentations: None
- b. Announcements: District is accepting donations for Holiday Outreach through December 10, 2021.
December 22, 2021 is delivery date for Holiday Outreach

Public Comment. None.

Correspondence.

- Letter from Local 1461 requesting impact bargaining
- Letter from C. Dow requesting leave of absence
- Thank you letter from Port of Seattle, which Chief Marris discussed briefly, concerning a significant fire in parking garage

Local 1461 Comment. President Matt Ready told Board that the executive board of the local union held elections with little change. Ian Watkins was elected as a Trustee.

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

Facilities. Chief Marris discussed the remodeling plans for the two stations located within the North Highline District. He said the preliminary budget for remodeling Station 19 was under \$300,000 and that a remodel of Station 18 would also be budgeted for \$300,000. However, the plan is to have District 2 award the contract for one station and to have District 11 (North Highline Fire District) award the other contract. Both could be done within the limits of the small works roster for public works,

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he estimated. Both projects involve upgrading the residential quarters, partly due to the need for gender-friendly sleeping and showering facilities.

Equipment. Chief Marrs updated the board on the previously approved bunker gear purchase. It has been necessary to rework the order, as the originally approved provider has supply chain problems and cannot get the raw materials, which it ordinarily gets from an overseas source, and then manufactures the bunkers here in the U.S. An alternate provider has been found, but these are more of a generic type of bunker gear. Apparently, a 15% premium has to be added.

Personnel. Chief Marrs called upon AC Wayne Metz to update the board on operations. Chief Metz discussed various incidents. He said on one call a drug-affected patient had suddenly punched one of our EMTs in the face. Although no blood was spilled, or serious injury sustained, the police were there on the scene and suggested the district press charges to show no tolerance for this behavior and to support the police in their attempts to use reasonable force. The board and Chief supported pressing charges for fourth degree assault. Chief Metz said there was a serious head-on collision with entrapment and with CPR administered. The result was two “striped” patients and one red code patient. Also, in North Highline there was a significant house fire but the crews did well to contain it. Finally, he mentioned the Seattle airport fire, which incinerated 10 vehicles on the fourth floor of the parking facility. It was a two-alarm commercial fire to which Burien sent two engines. The Quint was dispatched to the fire but was cancelled en route. Visibility and getting water to the fire were serious challenges on this unusual fire. Sprinklers could have made a huge difference, Chief Marrs noted, but this is an older building and was not sprinklered. AC Metz also mentioned that the Port of Seattle Fire is joining the regional training consortium.

Chief Marrs said there are now five recruits scheduled to start on December 20th, as one was lost to the psychological screening.

He said there are two Burien Fire employees interested in the one CARES position. A mental health professional would be provided by the City of Burien. Interviews will be held next week and the contract will begin in January.

Events. The State Auditor commenced the audit for 2020 on December 6, 2021.

The cost of Holiday Outreach was estimated at \$374.01 per family in 2020.

The Chief updated the board on Covid-19, stating that the Omicron variant seems to be more contagious than others, but the morbidity may be lower. The district staff are managing rather well, and working from home on occasion to reduce frequency of contact. One of the administrative staff has been out since last Thursday with some symptoms.

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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 meeting minutes of the special meeting of November 23, 2021.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

Executive Session. At 5:35 p.m. the board adjourned into an executive session, which was estimated to last for thirty (30) minutes. The purposes included review of the performance of a public employee under RCW 42.30.110(1)g, evaluating the qualifications of an applicant for public employment under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), discussing with legal counsel pending litigation in King County Superior Court under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and finally discussion of collective bargaining issues pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. The session was extended by ten (10) minutes to 6:15 and then extended again until concluding at 6:22 p.m. The board re-convened in open session.

Good of the Order. None.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. undated letter from Local 1461
5. undated letter from C. Dow requesting leave of absence
6. thank you letter from Port of Seattle

Minutes Approved: December 21, 2021


Attest:


Joseph Quinn (Dec 24, 2021 15:54 PST)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Chris Elwell (Dec 22, 2021 15:46 PST)

Chris Elwell
Chairman


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden (Dec 22, 2021 19:26 PST)

Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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Approved minutes of the 12/7/2021 meeting


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