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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room
Mather, California
&
Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Saylor. Board members present in person: Clark, Jones, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, and Wood, Board members present virtually via Zoom: White and Kelly. Board members absent: Goold. Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Board Clerk Penilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assistant Chief Law shared with the Board her decision to retire effective August 1, 2022. It was recently announced that AC Law would be reassigned to the position of Fire Marshal in the Community Risk Reduction Division. In an effort to cease rumors and speculation, AC Law shared with the Board why she is making this extremely difficult decision. She provided a copy of her statement to be filed with the Board Clerk.

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the consent calendar as follows:

- 1. Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2022.
Action: Approved the Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Special Services Agreement – Integrated Communications Strategies, LLC**
Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief to approve a two-year agreement with Integrated Communications Strategies for professional consulting services.
Action: Authorized the Fire Chief to approve the agreement.
- 3. Special Fire Tax – Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta Area**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Assessor to incorporate the \$100 per parcel Special Fire Tax for the Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta area with the 2022/23 Sacramento County property tax levy.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2022-055.
- 4. Extension of American Medical Response (AMR) Agreement**
Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract extension with AMR.
Action: Authorized the Fire Chief to approve the extension.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Retirement of Capital Assets** (*Chief Financial Officer Dave O'Toole*)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the retirement of assets.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2022-056.
2. **Election to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors, Seat B** (*Board Clerk Melissa Penilla*)
Recommendation: The Board nominate and vote for one candidate to be elected as the representative for the CSDA Board of Directors Sierra Network, Seat B.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to vote for Elliot Mulberg to represent the CSDA Board of Directors Sierra Network, Seat B.
3. **Ratification of Resolution to Extend Teleconference of Board Meetings (Government Code 54953(e) (3))** (*President Saylor*)
Recommendation: Consider adopting a Resolution which would extend the ability to teleconference without compliance of Government Code paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 from June 23, 2022 – July 22, 2022 or until further re-ratified.
Action: Moved by Sheetz, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2022-057.
4. **Industrial Disability Retirement – Troy N. Thompson**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Firefighter Thompson has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: Moved by Clark, seconded by Jones, and carried (Ayes: Clark, Jones, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, White, and Wood, Absent: Goold and Kelly) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-058.

REPORTS

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**—(*President Saylor*) No report.
2. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**—(*Chief Harms*)

Recruitment

Master Mechanic, two internal positions

Community Relations Specialist, internal and external

Meetings

Chiefs Forums continue through next week with two meetings remaining.

6/16, Sacramento County Fire Chiefs Meeting

APOT Committee has met twice a month for the past six months. The committee is finalizing twenty plus recommendations for presentation next week to the representatives from hospitals and fire departments across the state to determine what items will move forward with an overall goal to reduce wall time. These recommendations will then go to EMSA, with the likelihood of further action related to state legislation and policy.

Met with Deputy Chief Bailey and CFO O'Toole to discuss the future of the IGT and GEMT Programs, and the incorporation of the PPGEMT, which is a new program specifically for public safety and will provide stability to the other programs.

Fire Camp

In-person Fire Camp is back this year and will be held July 12th through 15th at Station 21. The first camp was held in 1997 with participation of approximately 1,500 kids in the program. Many volunteers and time have been involved in this program over the years, and we are excited to have it back this year.

OPERATIONS' REPORT

Deputy Chief Mitchell shared statistics with 4,329 total incidents since our last report on June 9, 2022, this is up slightly since the last report to an average of 310 calls per day. Of these, 63% were EMS related incidents, and 220 fire incidents which is also an increase of about two calls per day.

SAFER Positions Update

With the short timeline for implementation during the first part of August, labor and management continue to work together and move forward with an operational plan for implementing the changes. Looking at impacts from logistical support of these positions, station locations, vehicles, dispatch updates, call types, how the positions will be filled, etc. The group is making great progress, and we look forward to seeing the impacts these changes will have on our service delivery into the future.

Large Incidents

On June 9th Engine 68 responded to a Tesla lithium-ion battery fire at a salvage yard off Douglas Road. The vehicle involved was a 2016 Tesla that had been in an accident almost a month previous. Crews did a great job and employed tactics that will become more common moving forward as we see more battery powered vehicles on the road. The vehicle was turned on its side to cool the battery compartment, however the runaway chemical thermal reaction continued. Eventually, crews worked with the business and a remote berm area was created using heavy equipment. It was filled with water and the vehicle was placed there to cool the batteries until the reaction stopped. The vehicle was monitored for temperature using thermal imagers for an extended period. This incident has created some good coverage across the country and has proved valuable for training purposes.

Over the last few days, we have had multiple incidents involving vegetation fires near transient camps throughout the District. These incidents have required a lot of resources. It has been hot and dry this week, however we have seen fire behavior, including multiple spot fires, that have proved challenging for perimeter control. Crews have done a great job extinguishing the fires with extended mop up operations in the heat.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

Firefighter and Local 522 Director Mike Gildone thanked Directors for visiting the stations, and look to continue those meetings as they are mutually beneficial. He shared the Union held a meeting recently with not much new business taking place.

Related to negotiations, they are preparing for the next meeting, and appreciate having an observer present.

They have been participating in the budgetary process at the State level, with hopes that the Zinfandel Training Site be in the junior budget.

The Service Delivery Team has brought the recommendation to the District. The team is now transitioning to assist the District in what deployment looks like. They are meeting every other week to accommodate the short time line. AC Law's contribution to this team has been invaluable, and a special thank you to her and everyone else who brings their knowledge to this team.

Director Gildone shared comments from BC Cole related with AC Law's pending retirement. BC Cole shared that AC Law is a strong and valued leader at Metro Fire, and personally inspired him throughout her career. Ending her career on this note, is hopefully something this Board does not take lightly.

4. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

A. Executive Committee – (President Saylor)

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)

Report Out: June 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM

DC Wagaman shared the JPA received a presentation related to the commendations for the shooting that took place in downtown Sacramento. He commends the staff for their actions, and appreciates that they receive positive accolades.

C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (Chief Harms)

Report Out: June 22, 2022 at 1:00pm

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Mather, CA 95670

The JPA closed out with approval of final resolutions, including the final cost to transfer records and the remaining additional funds.

D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Report Out: June 23, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Next Meeting: July 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM

The committee met earlier and heard a financial update, with plans to meet again next month.

E. Policy Committee – (Director Gould)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Jones thanked Assistant Chief Law for her contributions to Metro Fire, and for her many years of service, many of which Director Jones witnessed firsthand since 1990.

Director White thanked the men and women of Metro Fire, especially those who assisted his father-in-law recently. He is happy to report he is home and celebrating his 90th birthday today.

Director Saylor met Assistant Chief Law many years ago in the private ambulance sector. She understands how she feels and why she made the decision she did.

The board recessed to closed session at 6:46 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – One (1) matter of Industrial Disability Retirement.**
 - A. Troy N. Thompson and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Claim #SMDP - 549585 – Industrial Disability Retirement – Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: The Board took no action.


2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief**
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6
Action: The Board took no reportable action.

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:31 PM. When the Board reconvened Director Kelly did not rejoin the meeting virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.


Cynthia Saylor, President


Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk


Walt White, Secretary