



**TODD HARMS**  
Fire Chief

# Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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## ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, May 23, 2019**  
**10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room**  
**Mather, California**

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Jones. Board members present: Clark Goold, Jones, Kelly, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, and Wood. Board members absent: Barnes. Staff present: Chief Harms, Clerk Penilla and General Counsel Lavra.

### PLEDGE TO FLAG

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Aaron Jones a member of the CERT Team and citizen of Fair Oaks, addressed the Board regarding an upcoming conference in San Diego benefitting Governor Newsom's California For All Emergency Preparedness Campaign. Mr. Jones has volunteered over 300 hours in the CERT Program. He expressed interest in the grants related to attending this training opportunity.

### CONSENT ITEMS

**Action:** Moved by Clark, seconded by Goold, 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 Board meeting of May 9, 2019.  
**Action:** Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Surplus Vehicles – Fleet Division**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt resolution establishing a list of surplus vehicles and authorizing the Fire Chief to sell or donate the vehicles as deemed appropriate.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2019-043.
- 3. Lease Financing – Capital Expenditures**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief and/or CFO to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2019-044.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Deferred Compensation Committee Vacancy (Captain Dustin Rodriques)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution appointing Kyle Santuccio to fill a vacancy on the Deferred Compensation Committee.  
**Action:** Moved by Kelly, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2019-045.
- 2. Purchase Approval – BP 19-06 Pierce Air/Light Unit (Shea Pursell, Fleet Manager)**  
**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of one Pierce Air/Light Unit through Golden State Fire Apparatus Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$552,229.25.  
**Action:** Moved by Kelly, seconded by Goold, and carried unanimously by members present to approve the purchase.

## REPORTS

### 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Jones reported out on three items. The first was a report from her attendance at Special District Legislative Days, this was a great opportunity to network and connect with other Special Districts, local legislators, and staff. She commended the leadership for Metro Fire in their attendance including Director Saylor and Jeff Frye.

Next, she notified CFO Thomas and Economic Development Manager Frye on a legislative alert letter from FDAC related to new information about the untimely compensation from the Federal Government related to states recovery becoming very onerous and after the fact for responses to wildfires.

Lastly, she let everyone know that former Chief William Powell from the City of Sacramento Fire Department passed away. She asked that we close the meeting with a moment of silence to honor him.

### 2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

#### Reassignment

Chief Harms let everyone know that Assistant Chief Tom Neville will be out of the office for an extended time due to shoulder surgery. Battalion Chief Adam Mitchell will be acting out-of-class to allow for consistency and to give him the opportunity to mentor and learn the role of Assistant Chief.

#### Promotion

Effective 5/22, Computer Systems Technician Alex Vasquez

#### Meetings/Events

Continue to meet with Command Staff, day staff, and Union reps

Fire Chief Forums during the month of May – consisted of 20 separate meetings, which met with each member of the District. Each meeting had their own unique set of questions, but discussion focused on activity in the District, specifically medic response, and vehicle accidents along with a strategy moving forward.

5/14, EMS 20/20 Meeting: Discussed Goals and Objectives from 18 months ago, the number of times medics were dispatched, including an 8% decrease in medic dispatches, which allows for medics to stay in their first due.

5/17, 19-1 Academy Graduation with a large turnout from family and friends

### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Deputy Chief Bridge gave the Operations Report letting everyone know as of May 9<sup>th</sup> Metro Fire responded to approximately 3,700 total calls, with 75% or 2,800 being EMS calls, and transporting approximately 2,000 times.

Since the beginning of the year they are averaging one structure fire per day. A recent fire in Citrus Heights activated the building's fire sprinklers, and allowed for responding crews to save the important documents that were distributed throughout the business. The business owner was very appreciative of their efforts.

### **3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT:**

Vice President Jamison thanked the Board for their continued support of the deferred compensation committee. To have eleven applicants for the open seat speaks to the success of the committee.

VP Jamison, along with the membership, appreciates the Fire Chief and staff for taking the time to do 20 Chief's Forums. One of the big requests the Union had of the new Chief was to get out and see the membership, Chief Harms has lived up to that.

Lastly, he knows the Board is going to hear about contract negotiations in Closed Session tonight. He knows there have been some butting of heads, disagreements, and altering priorities, and through this the negotiations have remained professional. He feels the membership has rightfully earned what is in the current negotiated contract, and hopes the Board sees that. He hopes to continue forging the good labor management relations through good dialogue and openness.

### **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 – (Jones)**

Next Meeting: TBD

#### **B. Communications Center JPA – (AC Wagaman)**

Met earlier today for a special meeting to discuss the ongoing litigation with Tyler New World.

Next Meeting: May 28, 2019 at 9:00 AM

#### **C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (DC Shannon)**

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Location: California Exercise Simulation Center (CESC)  
10545 Armstrong Avenue, Suite 320  
Mather, CA 95655

- D. **Finance and Audit Committee – (Kelly)**  
Report Out: May 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM  
Met earlier this evening and had a presentation on the 2019/20 proposed budget.  
Next Meeting: June 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM
- E. **Policy Committee – (Goold)**  
Next Meeting: June 13, 2019 at 5:30 PM

## **BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Director Wood thanked Mr. Jones for attending and sharing his comments. He thanked the Chief for his updates and letting him know everyone is safe. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the Tropical Affair on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Director Saylor attended the Farm and Tractor Days event in her community. She thanked Engine 111C and Reserves Engine 116 for their attendance on Friday, and Engine 111A and Reserves Engine 116 for their attendance on Saturday. All the firefighters who attended responded very well to being out and about in the community and engaging with the public. She attended the rotary club meeting that recognized Matt Sammons as Firefighter of the Year. He was in attendance with his crew, was very professional, well spoken, and did a great job. As Director Jones mentioned, she attended Special District Legislative Days and learned a lot and looks forward to continued education related to legislation.

Director Goold thanked everyone for contract negotiations, and appreciates that the overall sense has been very professional. He also thanked the Deferred Compensation Committee for all their work for the membership.

Director Orzalli thanked Mr. Jones for his public comments and work on the CERT Team. He also thanked CFO Thomas for her work on the budget report.

Director Sheetz thanked Mr. Jones for his involvement in the community. She attended the recent academy graduation, and plans to attend the Tropical Affair.

Director Jones thanked Mr. Jones and sends AC Neville speedy recovery wishes. She congratulated Alex Vasquez on his promotion. She is happy to hear about the adjustments being made to medical dispatches.

**Convened to Closed Session at 6:34 pm.**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- 1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**  
**Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6**
  - A. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

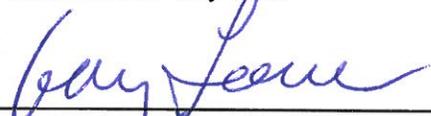
- B. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Bargaining Group,  
Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522
- C. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organization: Administrative Support Personnel (ASP)  
Affiliate of Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522
- D. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organization: Safety Senior Management, Management  
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees
- E. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organization: Non-Safety Senior Management, Management  
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

**Action:** The Board gave direction to the District Negotiator to proceed after presentation of the Tentative Agreement.

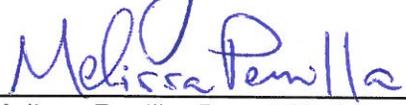
**Reconvened to Open Session at 7:37 pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with a moment of silence honoring Former Chief Powell from Sacramento City Fire.

  
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Gay Jones, President

  
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Matt Kelly, Secretary

  
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Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk