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## ADOPTED ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT  
Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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 6:00 pm by President Wood. Board members present: Clark, Costa, Jones, Saylor, Stark, Webber, and Wood. Board members absent: Gold and Rice. Staff present: Chief House and Board Clerk Rittburg.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was received from Roger Mitchell.

### CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Director Webber, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the consent calendar as follows:

- Adopt Resolution – Fiscal Year 2025/26 Gann Appropriations Limit**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt the Resolution approving the Gann Appropriations Limit in Fiscal Year 2025/26 in the amount of \$482,810,598.  
**Action:** Adopted **Resolution 2025-060**.

### PRESENTATION ITEMS

- Ambulance and First Responder Fee Study**  
(Chief Financial Officer Dave O'Toole)  
(Nicole Huerta, Senior Analyst, NBS Consulting)  
(Nicole Kissam, Director, NBS Consulting)  
**Recommendation:** Receive the presentation.  
**Action:** Presentation received.

### ACTION ITEMS

- Purchase Approval – Four (4) BME Type III Engines**  
(Shea Pursell, Fleet Manager)  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Purchase of four (4) BME Type III Engines from Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., utilizing HGACBuy contract #FS12-23, Targhee.  
**Action:** Moved by Director Clark, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Purchase of four (4) BME Type III Engines.

2. **Purchase Approval – Two (2) Pierce 107' Aerials**  
*(Shea Pursell, Fleet Manager)*  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Purchase of two (2) Pierce Aerials from Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., utilizing HGACBuy contract #FS12-23, Model 23A-105.  
**Action:** Moved by Director Stark, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Purchase of two (2) Pierce Aerials.
  
3. **Purchase Approval – Fifteen (15) Pierce Type I Engines**  
*(Shea Pursell, Fleet Manager)*  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Purchase of fifteen (15) Pierce Type I Engines from Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., utilizing HGACBuy contract #FS12-23, Model 23P-105.  
**Action:** Moved by Director Clark, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Purchase of fifteen (15) Pierce Type I Engines.
  
4. **Adopt Resolution – Amendment to Capital Improvement Program Plan  
FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30**  
*(Administrative Analyst Erin Castleberry)*  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation and adopt Resolution adopting the amended Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025/2026 – FY 2029/2030.  
**Action:** Moved by Director Webber, seconded by Costa, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-061** adopting the amended Capital Improvement Plan FY 2025/2026 – FY 2029/2030.
  
5. **Adopt Resolution – FY 2025/26 Final Budget**  
*(Chief Financial Officer Dave O'Toole)*  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation and adopt the Resolutions adopting the Final Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
  - A. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the General Operating Fund 212A  
**Action:** Moved by Director Stark, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-062**, Adopting the Final Budget for the General Operating Fund 212A for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
  
  - B. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Capital Facilities Fund 212D  
**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-063**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Capital Facilities Fund 212D for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
  
  - C. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Pension Obligation Fund 212E  
**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-064**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Pension Obligation Fund 212E for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
  
  - D. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Grants Fund 212G  
**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-065**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Grants Fund 212G for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
  
  - E. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Development Impact Fees Fund 212I  
**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-066**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Development Impact Fees Fund 212I for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

F. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Leased Properties Fund 212L

**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-067**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Leased Properties Fund 212L for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

G. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Measure O Debt Service Fund 212N

**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-068**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Measure O Debt Service Fund 212N for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

H. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Measure O Building Fund 212O

**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-069**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Measure O Building Fund 212O for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

I. Resolution – 2025/26 Final Budget for the Special Projects Fund 212S

**Action:** Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-070**, Adopting the Final Budget for the Special Projects Fund 212S for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

**6. Appointments to Metro Fire/Folsom 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee**

*(Ted Wood, Board President)*

**Recommendation:** Nominate and Appoint Two Board Members to the Metro Fire/Folsom 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee.

**Action:** Moved by Director Wood, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to appoint Director Goold and Jones to the Metro Fire/Folsom 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee.

**7. Adopt Resolution – Industrial Disability Retirement – Michael Lozano**

**Recommendation:** After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Michael Lozano has suffered job-related injuries incapacitating him for the performance of duties as an Assistant Chief, and direct staff to continue working with Michael Lozano through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.

**Action:** None, item to be voted on after discussion in Closed Session.

## REPORTS

**1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - *(President Wood)***

No Report

**2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT — *(Acting Chief Mitchell)***

Good evening, Directors, Colleagues, and Members of the Public

On September 6, Station 111 hosted a well-attended Open House in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of Old Betsy. Thank you to all staff who assisted with planning, logistics, and staffing the event, as well as to those who attended this milestone event.

### **Metro Fire MMP 25-2**

The MMP 25-2 class begins on Monday, September 15. As of September 9, there are 16

recruits. We welcome them and look forward to supporting their success as they begin the academy.

Today, members participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb held downtown in the morning, joining firefighters and community members in honoring the lives lost. In addition, Metro Fire personnel were present at several remembrance events across the community, reflecting our continued commitment to Never Forget. Both operations and professional staff represented the District with professionalism and respect, and we thank them for their dedication on this solemn day.

### **September 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Today, we take a moment to reflect on and honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001. This day is forever etched in our hearts, not only as Americans but especially as members of the fire service, where the legacy of bravery and sacrifice is deeply cherished.

We proudly carry forward the memory of the 343 FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives that day, along with the countless first responders and civilians whose courageous actions continue to inspire us. September 11 serves as a poignant reminder of the true purpose and calling of our profession: to safeguard lives, even in the face of significant personal risk.

While the tragedies of that day took place 3,000 miles away, Metro Fire members were among those who answered the call and deployed to assist in recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon following the September 11 attacks. They dedicated countless hours over many days, working alongside other first responders under challenging conditions to conduct search and rescue missions.

Their expertise was vital as they navigated debris and faced hazardous environments, demonstrating remarkable resilience and determination. The spirit of solidarity among first responders, including Metro Fire, exemplified the true essence of service and sacrifice during those trying times.

For those of us in the fire service, this day inspires us to never forget and to continuously train, prepare, and serve with unwavering dedication. While September 11 was undoubtedly a tragedy, it also ignited a profound sense of national unity. Communities rallied together, neighbors supported one another, and our country found strength in solidarity.

Today, as Metro Fire, we honor that spirit by fostering trust, resilience, and partnerships within our own community. The impact of 9/11 continues to affect many, as numerous responders and survivors face ongoing health challenges related to their service at Ground Zero. We stand with them and honor their sacrifices.

On this solemn anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to our core values of integrity, professionalism, teamwork, and devotion to duty. We will always remember those we lost, the families whose lives were altered, and the enduring examples of bravery that continue to guide us.

Let us carry on our mission to serve our community with pride and respect, honoring the incredible sacrifices made. If you would entertain it, President Wood, I would like to request a moment of silence at the conclusion of Board member comments before adjourning to closed session.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT – (Assistant Chief Rudnicki)**

AC Rudnicki, C Shift Commander, the 9/11 Stair Climb held today was remarkable. Read a news article today that over 34,000 individuals have been diagnosed with 9/11 related Cancer which is another staggering number. It's not just what we see during calls it's also what we take home with us. It's a reminder that these calls have a lasting and lingering effect.

I'm proud to report that we have been able to support the state and our neighbors, and by being able to deploy more resources this year than we have in recent years, while keeping an eye out for brownouts and mandatories.

### Shift Commander Spotlight:

BC Graf introduced Captain Hodge, who was promoted to Captain. Captain Hodge came to the podium and introduced himself to the Board and spoke regarding his experiences at Metro Fire.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – (Deputy Chief Fiorica)**

No Report

## **SUPPORT SERVICES – (Deputy Chief Wagaman)**

No Report

### **3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT – (Captain Sean Scollard, Local 522 Vice President)**

Captain Scollard congratulated Captain Tucker Hodge on his promotion. I had the honor and privilege to join 342 of my colleagues today at the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Labor Management meetings are in the MOU to be done quarterly. It's crazy to think that it's been 24 years since that horrible day when we lost 343 Firefighters. It's important to remember the 2,977 total American lives lost that day.

## **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 Wood)**

No Report

### **B. Communications Center JPA – (Deputy Chief Fiorica)**

The Communication Center JPA Board last met on September 9, 2025. During that meeting the Board appointed Assistant Chief Matt McGee from Folsom was elected as the Board Chair and I was elected as the Vice Chair.

The Communication Center staff presented Metro Fire with a token of appreciation for allowing the Communications Center board meetings to be held in these chambers for two decades.

### **C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Jones)**

No Report

**D. Policy Committee – (Director Costa)**

The Policy Committee met tonight on the amended Workplace Violence Policy, and moved to the full Board for approval

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Director Saylor extended a great thank you to Station 111 for hosting the Open House for Old Betsy 100-year-old plaque, it was a great event. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb this morning in remembrance of all the lives lost.

Director Jones, in remembrance of 9/11, 30% of the victims have still not been identified. The New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner continues to work on the case, with recent advancements in DNA technology enabling new identifications so there is still work to be done.

President Wood echoed the comments of his fellow Board Members. Thank you to the crew at Station 111 and everyone who helped make the Open House such a great success.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the victims of 9/11.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:53 p.m. on the following matter(s):

**1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) –one (1) matter of Workers' Compensation Settlement Authority**

Carl Jewell and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Claim # 4A2302G2GWK0001

Workers' Compensation Settlement Authority  
Colin Connor, Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP

**Action:** Moved by Clark, seconded by Stark, and carried unanimously by members present to give authority to its third-party administrator to conclude a settlement of the matter.

**2. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (a) – ONE (1) MATTER OF INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT.**

Michael Lozano and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Claim # 4A22054QPTC0001 – Industrial Disability Retirement  
Joseph Fiorica, Deputy Chief of Administration

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): One Case**

Claim Against Public Entity Pursuant to Government Code Section 910  
Bradley Swetland v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
John Lavra, General Counsel

**Action:** Moved by Saylor, seconded by Costa, and carried unanimously by members present to return the 910 Claim as late/untimely.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:18 p.m. General Counsel John Lavra reported that the Board met in closed session on three items: 1. Workers' Compensation Settlement Authority of Carl Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to give authority to its third-party administrator to conclude a settlement of the matter. 2. Industrial Disability Retirement, no reportable action was taken in closed session; will be visited in open session. 3. 910 Claim of Bradley Swetland, the Board voted unanimously to return the 910 Claim as late/untimely.

**ACTION ITEM CONTINUED TO AFTER CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1. Adopt Resolution – Industrial Disability Retirement – Michael Lozano**  
**Recommendation:** After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Michael Lozano has suffered job-related injuries incapacitating him for the performance of duties as an Assistant Chief, and direct staff to continue working with Michael Lozano through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.  
**Action:** Moved by Director Webber, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-071**, finding AC Michael Lozano has suffered job-related injuries, incapacitating him for the performance of duties.


To view the video of the meeting, please visit the Metro Fire Website or our YouTube channel:

<https://metrofire.ca.gov/2025-09-11-board-meeting>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9t-uKlc\\_oOUGNrmogdQ\\_QA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9t-uKlc_oOUGNrmogdQ_QA)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Ted Wood, Board President



Robert Webber, Secretary



Marni Rittburg, CMC  
Board Clerk