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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, August 26, 2021

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 Kelly. Board members present: Clark, Kelly, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, and Wood. Board members absent: Gould, Jones, and White. Staff present: Fire Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Interim Clerk Dehoney.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. David Warren began his comment by describing an incident with his wife that occurred on August 6th where he chose to drive his wife to the emergency room instead of having the emergency personnel do so because he was unsure of their vaccination status and did not want to expose her to the possibility of additional risk. He urged the union to consider the possible complications that could arise from those who are unvaccinated to themselves and the people around them. He closed his statement with requesting that Metro Fire institute a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to protect not only himself and his wife, but also the general public, the firefighters, and their families with whom they work every day. Mr. Warren's full comments may be viewed on the meeting video located on the Metro Fire website at www.metrofire.ca.gov or the Metro Cable YouTube Channel at youtube.com/metrocable14.

Director White joined the meeting at 6:07 pm

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Saylor, 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 August 12, 2021.
Action: Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Reimbursement Resolution – Tax Exempt Debt**
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to allow reimbursement of qualified District expenditures up to \$7,400,000.00.
Action: Adopted Resolution No.2021-079.
- 3. Overtime and Portal-to-Portal Pay for Employees Assigned to Emergency Response**
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing overtime and portal-to-portal pay for all employees on the Positions and Authorization Document.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2021-080.

The board recessed to closed session at 6:08 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) –One (1) matter ** of Workers Compensation Compromise and Release

Johnpaul Seivane and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDP – 5497000; – Workers Compensation Settlement Authority
Colin Connor of Lenahan, Lee, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP
Action: On a motion by Clark, seconded by Sheetz, and carried unanimously by members present to give the District's third party negotiator settlement authority.

The board reconvened to open session at 6:21 pm.

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

REPORTS

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT—(President Kelly) – No report

2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Chief Harms)

Chief Harms began his report by introducing newly appointed PIO Captain Parker Wilbourn and Chief Financial Officer David O'Toole and welcomed them to the team.

Career Development Opportunity:

Water Rescue Program Manager, Final Filing Date 8/26

Meetings

8/16, SRP Academy 21-2: 13 recruits (8 medics, 5 EMTs in the process of obtaining medic license)

8/17 Citrus Heights 2x2 Meeting:

- City provided updates on more than \$60 million in new residential housing including:
 - Residential Subdivision – Mitchell Farms
 - Sunrise Tomorrow
 - New Sylvan (Sylvan Corners / Auburn Blvd.)

8/23, Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting on behalf of CA Metro Fire Chiefs

8/25, Labor Management Collaboration meeting (LMCM)

OPERATIONS’ REPORT – (DC Mitchell)

Chief Mitchell began his report by providing an update on COVID vaccines and testing and discussing the clarification of intent from SCDPH with an updated protocol from the County EMSA including:

- Vaccinated members will be providing verification, process still being finalized
- Unvaccinated or decline-to-state members will undergo testing every week when working in the field

He also relayed that there are ongoing discussions and planning for solutions. Additionally, a training will occur tomorrow for a new screening technology that can be implemented to support

our members testing needs. Executive Staff and Operations are working closely with 522, other fire agencies, SCDPH, Medical Director, and Sac County EMSA to put a plan in place.

He then discussed the OES Resource Status which included:

- OES8433 on TF4803 third two-week crew rotation today – Moved to Caldor Fire yesterday
- OES367 and STEN/STEN(t) third two-week crew rotation this Saturday – still at Monument Fire

He closed his report by sharing that since the last board meeting on August 12, 2021, there have been 5,356 total calls for service (an average of 382 calls/day). Additionally, there were 10 building fires, 3 of which were Metro specific. The busiest engine was E53 with 234 responses and the busiest medic was M101 with 219 responses.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

Vice President McGoldrick reported that the staffing team in addition to labor and the Fire Chief met to discuss the changes made to the staffing manual and the challenges still being experienced by the members. He relayed that the true fix for these challenges is adding staff, and with the Lateral Firefighter and SRP recruitments in addition to those employees in the current academy, there may be some relief on the horizon. He closed by stating that the members are busier than ever and it is important to give them a break when possible while still providing service delivery.

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 Kelly)

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)

Next Meeting: September 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM

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

Report Out: August 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Chief Harms relayed that the Board met with the attorney in charge of the JPA dissolution who reported that April 30, 2022 will be the last class offered through the JPA with June 30, 2022 being the final day before dissolution. An audit of the current assets is being performed to report after the June 30th close and plans are being discussed for options for the current employees of the JPA. The board meetings have been moved from a quarterly to monthly schedule until the dissolution is finalized.

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Mather, CA 95670

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM

D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Report Out: August 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Director Orzalli relayed that the Finance and Audit Committee received two reports from Interim CFO Ken Campo and commended the Finance Divisions

work. He also reported that the District was still able to maintain the board stipulated 15% reserve even given all of the hardships faced during 2020.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM

E. Policy Committee – (Director Goold)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White welcomed PIO Wilbourn and CFO O'Toole. He also recognized the personnel and their families for their continued sacrifice with working extra hours, increased call volumes and deployments throughout the region.

Director Wood echoed the comments of Director White in commending the personnel and their families for their hard work.

Director Orzalli discussed his participation in the Citrus Heights 2x2 meeting, and commended the great working relationship. He also thanked Mr. Warren for his comments and agreed that the issue is complex, however we are all hopefully working towards a similar goal.

Director Clark thanked Interim CFO Ken Campo for helping to maintain the transparency of the Finance Division while we were recruiting for a new CFO and welcomed CFO O'Toole to the team. He also relayed his concern for everyone to be safe given the increase in the COVID variant cases. He closed with thanking all of the men and women of the District for their hard work during these trying times.

Director Saylor echoed the comments and sentiments of the previous Directors.

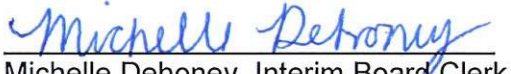
Director Kelly also extended his welcome to CFO O'Toole and thanked Director Orzalli for his comments in commending Mr. Warren.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.


Matt Kelly, Board President


D'Elman Clark, Secretary


Michelle Dehoney, Interim Board Clerk