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ADOPTED ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room

Mather, California

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Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Wood. Board members present: Clark, Costa, Goold, Jones, Rice, Saylor, Stark, Webber and Wood. Board members absent: None. Staff present: Chief House and Board Clerk Rittburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Webber, 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 Meetings of June 12, 2025, and June 26, 2025.
Action: Adopted the Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Adopt Resolution – Exempt Surplus Real Property – 9116 Vancouver Dr.**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution declaring the property as exempt surplus property based on the findings and authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to continue the disposition process.
Action: Adopted **Resolution 2025-051**.
- 3. Adopt Resolution – Contract Award – Fire Station 67 Station Alerting System**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution approving the Request for Exception to Formal Solicitation and award a contract to WestNet, LLC for the Fire Station 67 Altering System.
Action: Adopted **Resolution 2025-052**.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. **Present the SDLF Transparency Certificate of Excellence to the Fire Chief and Board** (CSDA, Senior Public Affairs Coordinator, Dane Wadle')
Recommendation: Receive the Certificate of Excellence.
Action: Presentation and Certificate of Excellence received.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Adopt Resolution – Industrial Disability Retirement – Captain Eric Kellenberger**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Captain Kellenberger has suffered job-related injuries incapacitating him for the performance of duties as a Captain, and direct staff to continue working with Captain Kellenberger 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 — (Chief House)**

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

New Hire:

Please join me in welcoming Aly Miller, hired for the position of Office Technician in the Office of the Fire Chief, effective July 8.

Promotion:

Congratulations to Brad Graham for being promoted to Warehouse Supervisor, effective July 9. Brad came to the podium and introduced himself to the Board.

Recent City Council Actions Impacting Metro Fire **Folsom City Council**

- Attended Folsom City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, with regional fire chiefs and labor reps.
- Folsom facing ~\$3M deficit for FY 2025/26.
 - Proposed deferring hiring of 10 firefighters to save ~\$2M.
 - Would lead to reduced staffing, possible station brownouts, and longer response times.
- Spoke at meeting to stress:
 - This is a regional public safety issue, not just local.
 - Medic 36 already out of service; further cuts shift calls to neighboring agencies like Metro Fire.
 - Metro Fire may have to suspend mutual aid into Folsom during brownouts if staffing falls too low.
- Outcome:
 - Council voted to hire 8 of the 10 firefighters.
 - We'll keep assessing impacts on mutual aid and operational readiness.

Rancho Cordova City Council

- Attended Rancho Cordova City Council meeting with other chiefs, labor reps, and Board members.
- City approved contributing up to \$825,000 in FY 2025/26 to support Squad 61.
 - Funding from Measure H Community Enhancement and Investment Fund.
 - Covers about half of Squad 61's personnel costs.
- City Council approved entering into an MOU with Metro Fire to formalize this funding partnership.
 - MOU will come before our Board for review and approval soon.

OPERATIONS REPORT – *(Deputy Chief Mitchell)*

Shift Commander Spotlight:

DC Mitchell brought up Chief Daly who introduced newly promoted Captain Nathan Hofford. Captain Hofford introduced himself to the Board and spoke on his experiences.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – *(Deputy Chief Fiorica)*

No Report

SUPPORT SERVICES – *(Deputy Chief Wagaman)*

No Report

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT – *(BC Matt Cole, Local 522)*

BC Matt Cole reported that Folsom is an example of what we can accomplish when we work together. The H.R. 1 Big Beautiful Bill passed, and there are a few wins for the working men and women across the Country in the Bill that affect Metro Fire, such as no taxes on overtime. We are putting a working group together to look into working hours and the burden the hours put on our members.

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)*

No Report

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

No Report

D. Policy Committee – *(Director Costa)*

The Policy Committee met tonight on one administrative policy, the revised Public Records Act Policy, and added some language to provide clarification of exceptions, which was requested during our last Policy Committee meeting.

Also, staff reported they will provide an update on future policies at our August meeting.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Rice stated he appreciates Local 522 collaborating on the working hours to bring a healthier work atmosphere to our members. The Regional Fire Museum has closed down and there is equipment that needs a home and I ask that we give them some grace to secure this equipment until they find another location. Chief House stated that we will continue to provide space.

President Wood thanked the Engine 50 crew for saving the life of my wife's coworker back in March after he had a heart attack. He is alive because of their work.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to closed session at 6:33 p.m. on the following matter(s):

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

1. Eric Kellenberger and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # 24-180117; 24-182104 – Industrial Disability Retirement
Joseph A. Fiorica, Deputy Chief of Administration

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT:

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:41 p.m. General Counsel John Lavra reported that the Board met in closed session on one item: 1. Industrial Disability Retirement of Captain Eric Kellenberger, no reportable action was taken in closed session and the Board will proceed with the vote in open session now.

ACTION ITEM CONTINUED TO AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

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Action: Moved by Director Webber, seconded by Rice, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt **Resolution 2025-053** finding Captain Eric Kellenberger 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/2025-07-10-board-meeting>

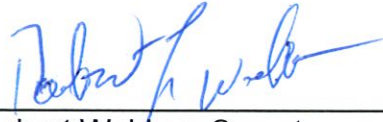
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Ted Wood, Board President



Robert Webber, Secretary



Marni Rittburg, CMC
Board Clerk