SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
January 4, 2022
Special Meeting
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Gates called the regular meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Fuller, Rickert, Berger and Thompson in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Larson.

Commissioner Gates reported that he was going to change the order of the agenda, the swearing in will be moved up on the agenda, next and the Discussion in Regards to Vaccination Requirement will be moved to after the Executive Session.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER BILL FULLER

Commissioner Gates requested that Judge Dave Larsen please come forward to perform the swearing of Commissioner Bill Fuller to Position 2.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER CAROLINE VADINO

Judge Dave Larsen performed the swearing of Commissioner Caroline Vadino to Position 3.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER DAVE BERGER

Judge Dave Larsen performed the swearing of Commissioner Dave Berger to Position 5.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller didn't have any comments.

Commissioner Berger wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Thompson wished everyone a Happy New Year and he welcomed newly elected Commissioner Vadino to the Board. It will be an interesting year this year and he is hoping that we beat COVID this year.

Commissioner Vadino noted that she is really excited to get started and learn everything that she can.

Commissioner Gates echoed Commissioner Berger and Commissioner Thompson comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

To listen to the public comments made by Brooks Werner, Chris Andersen and Joel Barrett please view the recording of the meeting via our website calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1711 hours Commissioner Gates reported that there will be an Executive Session for approximately 60 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) and RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i). At this time we will recess for 5 minutes to get everyone transferred into Executive Session. Joining the Board in Executive Session will be Executive Director Ganem and Legal Counsel Joe Quinn. We anticipate Executive Session lasting for 60 minutes action may or may not be taken after Executive Session. At the end of Executive Session we will take a 2 minute recess to get everyone transferred back into the Regular Meeting.

At 1815 hours Executive Session was extended for an additional 30 minutes.

At 1845 hours Executive Session was extended for an additional 30 minutes.

At 1915 hours Executive Session was extended for an additional 20 minutes.

At 1937 Regular Meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion; I move that the Board accepts the separation agreement between the District and the Fire Chief and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion; I move that the Board appoint Dave Mataftin as Interim Fire Chief of South King Fire and Rescue, effective January 5, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to protect the health and welfare of all employees, it is the policy of the Board of Fire Commissioners to require COVID-19 vaccination for all employees by April 19, 2022. The Fire Chief is hereby directed to enforce this policy, subject to any exemptions required by law. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller.

Commissioner Berger added that he believes in the fairness of the entire organization that everyone should be treated equally we currently have a policy that only part of the organization is treated one way that is to be mandated to receive the COVID vaccination but not others. And I think it's best for the entire organization be treated equally this is an important policy, it should apply to everyone in the organization for the good of the organization for the health and safety of the community as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1942 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY

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