

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 8:10 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

1. ROLL CALL: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Commissioners Diana Bontá, Andrew Friedman and Jill Furillo. Fire Chief Millage Peaks and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson. Absent: Vice President Casimiro Tolentino,
2. PUBLIC COMMENT– Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board. Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council/LA Audubon Conservation Committee, commented regarding the brush fire hazard violations in Council District 2 and 14.
3. [BFC 09-129] – Approval of recommendations for Emergency Medical Services Field Data Capture System, Emergency Medical Billing and Collection Services System projects, staffing plan, selection and authorization to enter into contract with 1.) Scan Health, Inc., dba Sansio for field data capture system 2.) Advanced Data Processing, Inc. for ambulance billing and collection system
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

Deputy City Attorney Jackson reported for the record, that there was no conflict of interest for Commissioner Bonta who is employed by Kaiser Permanente and that the employer's business relationship with the Department did not pose a conflict of interest on this matter for the Commissioner.

Georgia Matera, Fire Administrator and Dennis Bloemhoff, Director of Services, provided an overview of the proposed project. The Board discussed the elimination of 52 civilian positions by the project's enhancement component and the possibility of retraining or transferring employees to other jobs.

MOTION (Friedman/Bonta): That the Board approves recommendations 1 through 14 as stated in the Fire Chief's report. Discussion: Commissioner Furillo proposed a friendly amendment to the Motion, that the Board approves the recommendations with a caveat that the Commission's views on issues surrounding elimination of employees be resolved, in particular retraining and certifying of EMS employees for hire by the contractor. City Attorneys Laurel Lightner and Janet Jackson discussed the contracting process and the delivery of service components, which did not include retraining of employees for possible absorption by the vendor. Upon conclusion of lengthy discussion, it was determined that it was not possible under the scope of the contract to retrain, certify and transfer the billing employees with the vendor. The Motion amendment was not accepted. A vote on the original Motion was called by Commissioner Friedman and **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 (Absent: Tolentino)

Commissioner Furillo urged the Board to do everything possible to retrain and place the 27 displaced employees in other assignments. The Board discussed the City's lay off process with Norma Gutierrez, LAFD Personnel Director. The Board's consensus was that within the rules of the City, the Department must do everything possible to retrain or rehire the displaced employees. At which time a **MOTION** (Bonta/Furillo) was presented: As the new contract takes place and EMS employees are transitioned out, that the Fire Chief keep the Board fully aware as to the progress of employees being placed into other City positions. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 (Absent: Tolentino)

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. (Bontá/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: March 16, 2010

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action.