The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 3:05 p.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Dalila Sotelo, Vice President Jill Furillo, Commissioners Andrew Friedman and Genethia Hudley-Hayes. Fire Chief William Bamattre and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

Absent: Commissioner Casimiro U. Tolentino

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of past and present members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Donna Dougherty commented on the need for Griffith Observatory access.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

   A. Approval of the Minutes:

      1. Regular meeting of April 4, 2006
      2. Regular meeting of April 18, 2006
      3. Regular meeting of May 2, 2006

   ACTION: Minutes Adopted (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

   MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Furillo) – Commissioner Hudley-Hayes Moved to change the format of the minutes so that they reflect an overview and only capture those things that are action items. The new format should meet the minimal legal requirement.

   AYES: 3 (Hudley-Hayes, Furillo, Sotelo)   ABSTAINED: 1 (Friedman)

   B. Activities/Events/Meetings

      None.

   C. Request for future Agenda items

      None. (Taken out of order)

   D. [BFC 06-041-S] – Continued discussion and consideration of the Board of Fire Commissioners’ Action Plan relative to the Fire Department audits.
Fire Chief Bamattre provided a progress report. Emily Williams, Sr. Policy Advisor, Human Relation Commission provided an update on the vision statement workgroup meetings. The Board discussed the strategic action work with Department staff and provided pertinent direction. Deputy Chief Mack, Bureau of Training & Risk Management provided an update on the Drill Tower changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following persons commented on the subject matter:
  Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC
  Henry Olvera, Los Bomberos

E. Continued discussion and consideration for the hiring of a consultant/facilitator to assist in developing the strategic implementation plan to the Board of Fire Commissioners’ Audit Action Plan as set forth by the Board of Fire Commissioners and its Personnel Committee.

Commissioner Hudley-Hayes provided information on services provided by Juan Carlos Gonzales of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service at the stakeholders’ meeting. Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, provided an update on the procurement process research conducted by staff.

MOTION: Commissioner Hudley-Hayes Moved to expedite the City’s procurement process for contracting with Juan Carlos Gonzales as a facilitator for the complaint and discipline process portion of the Audit Action Plan; and, keep open the possibility of expanding his service and his role at the pleasure of the Department and Commission.

SECOND: Commissioner Furillo

AYES: 4  NAYS: 0

F. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee Reports:
(Taken out of order)

1. Report from the Fire Commission HRDC Committee
   None.

2. Status report from the Fire Administrator on the Fiscal Year
   2005-2006 HRDC Budget.
   Item forwarded to HRDC Committee

3. HRDC Budget Request Approval Guidelines

Bea Lopez, EEO Director, provided an overview of the Budget Request Approval Guidelines.

MOTION: Commissioner Hudley-Hayes Moved to adopt the HRDC Budget Request Approval Guidelines as revised in today’s discussion.

SECOND: Commissioner Friedman

AYES: 4  NAYS: 0
4. Report from the Fire Commission EMS Committee

Vice President Furillo reported that the EMS Committee will continue to work on the Controller’s Review of the LAFD Dispatch Staffing and Special Duty assignment and at this time they do not have recommendations. Commissioners Furillo and Friedman provided an update on the Driving Policy issues and made pertinent recommendations; they will continue their work on this issue.

3. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Significant Incidents/Activities

Fire Chief Bamattre provided an update on the City’s heat wave advisory program and related incidents.

B. Budget status report

Postponed

C. Wellness Program update

(Taken out of order)
Dr. Loy, Wellness Coordinator provided an overview of the Department’s Wellness Program. The Board requested additional information on the evaluation factors of the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC commented on the subject matter.

D. Citywide election of March 6, 2007 - Proposed Charter Changes

Fire Chief Bamattre provided a status report on the proposed recommendations submitted on July 27th. The Board will consider the matter further and will make its final recommendations within 30-days.

E. Three Whole Score Interview process update

Postponed.

F. Strategic Training Plan update

Postponed.
4. CONSENT ITEMS

ACTION: Received and Filed

B. [BFC 06-047-S1] Fire Department transmittal dated July 24, 2006, submitting corrections to the First Amendment of Agreement C-108389 with the Los Angeles Community College District on behalf of East Los Angeles College.

Department’s Recommendation: 1) Authorize the Fire Department to execute a new (ELA) First Amendment to increase the student instructional rate per hour to $3.25 from $2.75 per hour for part of the initial contract term period (1/1/06 – 6/30/06). 2) Authorize the Fire Department to correct the title of approved (LAFD) First Amendment for the new term to the Second Amendment, extending the term of the Agreement one year, and the rate per hour from $3.25 to $3.50 effective 7/1/06 to 6/30/07. 3) Forward to the Mayor for concurrence and approval of these actions.
ACTION: Adopted (Furillo/Hudley-Hayes)

5. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL (FROM THE CONSENT ITEMS)

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

DALILA T. SOTELO, President
BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: August 15, 2006

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.