MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 3:12 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, Genethia Hudley-Hayes, and Casimiro U. Tolentino. Fire Chief William Bamattre and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes:
   1. Regular meeting of June 6, 2006
   2. Regular meeting of June 16, 2006
   3. Special meeting of June 20, 2006
   4. Regular meeting of July 18, 2006
   5. Regular meeting of August 1, 2006

   ACTION: The Minutes were adopted as submitted (Friedman/Hudley-Hayes)

B. Activities/Events/Meetings

The activities and events attended by the Commission were noted.

C. [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, Deputy Chief Mack, and Battalion Chief Thompson provided progress reports.

   PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC

D. Continued discussion, consideration, and selection of a consultant 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.

   Bea Lopez, EEO Director and Georgia Matters, Fire Administrator provided status reports. The Board directed that the Personnel/Controller audit items be removed from the Committee agendas and that Commissioners Hudley-Hayes and Tolentino work with the stakeholder-work group on the issue.

   MOTION: Commissioner Friedman Moved that subject to review by the City Attorney, the Board authorize the President of the Commission, in collaboration with the
stakeholders to select an individual who will write the actual report to the City Council for purposes of obtaining proper action and funding; and that the President in conjunction with the stakeholders report back to the Board regarding whether said individual can and is willing to do the general strategic implementation plan. If not, then have on the agenda someone else for consideration or at least the issue regarding of the strategic plan.
SECOND: Commissioner Tolentino
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

MOTION: Commissioner Tolentino Moved that if the retired employee is unable to write the strategic implementation plan, the Board direct the Department to undergo the AFE process to hire a consultant who will write the strategic implementation plan, in conjunction with the stakeholders.
SECOND: Commissioner Friedman
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC
Mr. Armando Hogan, President, Stentorians

MOTION: President Sotelo called for a Motion to adopt the strategic implementation plan process (organizational chart) and for Commissioners Tolentino and Hudley-Hayes to participate in the process on behalf of the Commission. The Motion was Moved by Commissioner Hudley-Hayes.
SECOND: Commissioner Tolentino
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

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

MOTION: Commissioner Hudley-Hayes Moved to expedite the City’s procurement process for contracting Juan Carlos Gonzales as a facilitator for the complaint and discipline process portion of the Audit Action Plan; and, to keep open the possibility of expanding his service and his role at the pleasure of the Department and Commission.
SECOND: Commissioner Furillo
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
E. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee Reports:


2. Report from the Fire Commission EMS Committee [Furillo/Friedman] (Taken out of order) Vice President Furillo provided an update on the ongoing discussion and work of the proposed new five-year EMS Plan. Commissioner Friedman reported that the EMS Committee has been studying the LAFD Dispatch Staffing and Special Duty Assignment issue at its last three meetings and requested that the Fire Chief provide a preview of his proposed plan and response at the next EMS meeting for consideration.

F. Firefighter recruitment outreach presentation by the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department
Scott De Young, Chief Personnel Analyst, Public Safety-Recruitment and Selection Division provided an overview on the new firefighter testing and recruitment process. Charlette Rodgers Starkey, Assistant Chief & Recruitment Section Manager, discussed the Seven Point LAFD Recruitment Plan. Bruce Whidden, Public Information Director, provided an overview of the billboard recruitment campaign.

G. Status of Future Agenda Items/Assignment requests:

1. Driving Policy update
Fire Chief Bamattre and Battalion Chief Thompson provided progress reports.
PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC

2. Citywide election of March 6, 2007 - Proposed Charter Changes
Fire Chief Bamattre provided a status report on the proposed recommendations.

3. [BFC 06-075] – Fire Department transmittal dated August 8, 2006, submitting the written policies for Three Whole Scores interviews Postponed to September 5th.

4. [BFC 06-076] – Fire Department transmittal dated August 8, 2006, submitting the results of Three Whole Scores process Postponed to September 5th.

5. Strategic Training Plan update
Postponed to September 19th.
6. Status report on prior assignments
(Taken out of order) The LAFD Planning Section’s list delineating the requests for information made at each Board meeting will be provided to the Commission by the Tuesday submission deadline.

3. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Significant Incidents/Activities
   Assistant Chief West provided a summary report on significant incidents. Assistant Chief Austin reported on the airport’s terror alert upgrade.

B. Budget status report
   None.

4. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Tolentino requested a report on the captain exam changes referred in UFLAC’s letter dated July 28th.

Commissioner Hudley-Hayes requested an update on Homeland Security interoperability.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

DALILA T. SOTELO, President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: September 5, 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.