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, Commissioners Andrew Friedman and Genethia Hudley-Hayes. Fire Chief William Bamattre and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson. Commissioner Casimiro U. Tolentino arrived at 3:30 p.m.

Absent: Vice President Jill Furillo

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 of August 15, 2006

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

AYES: 3 (Absent: Commissioners Furillo and Tolentino)

B. Activities/Events/Meetings

(Taken out of Order)

Commissioner Friedman reported on the Disaster Preparedness Press Conference held September 1st at Universal City Walk that he attended and provided a copy of the informational brochure for the record. Commissioner Hudley-Hayes reported on the Drill Tower Orientation session that she attended.

C. [BFC 06-041-S] – Continued discussion and consideration of the Board of Fire Commissioners’ Action Plan relative to the Fire Department audits.

Tabled.

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.

William Jones, Sr. Management Analyst II, provided a progress report on the procurement of the consultant.
E. Supervision of Commission staff

The managerial day-to-day operational responsibilities of the Board Office were considered. City Attorney Jackson provided clarification on the duties and role of the Board Secretary as delineated by the City Charter.

MOTION: Commissioner Hudley-Hayes motioned to delegate the day-to-day operations of the commission secretary—not the commission staff—to the President and the Vice President of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Friedman made a friendly amendment, he suggested adding: *without relinquishing the right of any commissioner to directly access the secretary.* Commissioner Hudley-Hayes accepted the amendment and Commissioner Friedman seconded the Motion.

AYES: 4 (Absent: Furillo)

F. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee Reports:

1. Report from the Fire Commission EMS Committee [Furillo/Friedman]

Postponed to September 19th.

2. Report from the Fire Commission HRDC Committee [Sotelo/Hudley-Hayes]

President Sotelo provided a status report on the HRDC Committee’s on going work.

3. HRDC 2006-07 budget expenditure requests
   • [BFC 06-083] Company Officer Responsibilities and Expectation (CORE) training.

MOTION: Commissioner Sotelo Moved to request the Department to report back to the HRDC Committee relative to the CORE program—both on the evaluation methods and anticipated results; to describe the expected results and improvements of the CORE program relative to the audit. The Department report back to the HRDC Committee relative to the non-HRDC portion of the budget expenditure and its commitment of those funds.

SECOND: Commissioner Friedman AYES: 4 (Absent: Furillo)


Commissioner Tolentino reported on the Personnel Committee’s on going work relative to the progressive discipline process.
5. Report from the Fire Commission Technology Committee  
[Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino]

Commissioner Hudley-Hayes and Fire Chief Bamattre provided a summary report on the Wiki Pilot Project.

Note: President Sotelo exited the meeting at 5:37 p.m. and Commissioner Tolentino assumed the chair. President Sotelo returned at 5:47 p.m. and assumed the chair.

G. [BFC 06-082] - Status report on prior assignments

President Sotelo acknowledged receipt of the report.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Significant Incidents/Activities

Fire Chief Bamattre provided an overview of significant incidents and announced the recent administrative staff reassignments. Deputy Chief Rueda provided information on recent deployment activity.

B. Budget status report

Fire Chief Bamattre provided a copy of the preliminary budget for FY 2007-08 that will be considered by the Ad Hoc Budget Committee on September 12th.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. [BFC 06-073] - Citywide election of March 6, 2007 - Proposed Charter Changes

(Taken out of Order)

Royce Menkus, Assistant City Administrative Officer, discussed the Charter change process, including the meet and confer aspects with the Board. Commissioner Friedman motioned that the proposal, as stated by the Fire Chief shall be subject to a meet and confer process and once completed it be brought before the Board for recommendation. The Motion was lost for lack of a second.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. John Miller, President, Chief Officers Association and Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC, provided their respective positions on the subject matter and their concerns with the proposal.
After discussion, Commissioner Friedman motioned that the proposal submitted by the Department be subject to a meet and confer and subsequent to meet and confer, the proposal be sent back to the Board for its recommendations. Commissioner Hudley-Hayes made a friendly amendment and suggested that the proposed Charter changes be sent to the working group as a priority. Board discussion ensued, followed by clarification from City Attorney Jackson on the meet and confer process. The Motion was lost for lack of a second.

MOTION: President Sotelo called for a Motion that would direct the Department to review the proposed changes within the working group context; and, to do that in a timely manner with a deadline of October 15th to be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Friedman said he would MOVE the motion and Commissioner Tolentino SECONDED it.

AYES: 4 (Absent: Furillo)

B. [BFC 06-075] – Fire Department transmittal dated August 8, 2006, submitting the written policies for Three Whole Scores interviews

Postponed to September 19th.

C. [BFC 06-076] – Fire Department transmittal dated August 8, 2006, submitting the results of Three Whole Scores process

Postponed to September 19th.

D. [BFC 06-081] - Driving Policy and Employee response to the LAFD Emergency Vehicle Operating Procedures

Battalion Chief Thompson provided a status report on the employee response process. Deputy Chief Keane provided an overview of the existing metro traffic preemption system that the LAFD will be accessing. Deputy Chief Mack provided a status report on the drivers training program. The Board requested the City Attorney to provide an opinion or determination on the liability exposure of approving, modifying, or not approving the proposed changes; and, clarification on authority of the Fire Chief/Board over policy change.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pat McOsker, President, UFLAC commented on the union’s concerns relative to the proposed procedure.

E. [BFC 06-085] - Transfers and Vacancies process

Postponed to September 19th.
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F. [BFC 06-086] - Proposed changes to the LAFD Captains Exam

(Taken out of Order)

Philis Lynes, Assistant General Manager and Donna Denning, Personnel Research Psychologist of the Personnel Department provided an overview of the proposed 2006 exam changes.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Commissioner Tolentino Moved to adopt the consent items.
SECOND: Commissioner Hudley-Hayes AYES: 4 (Absent: Furillo)


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6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:38 p.m., President Sotelo indicated that the Board would convene in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with Legal Counsel on the following pending litigation cases:

- Bressler, Lewis et al. vs. City of LA et al., BC 336783
- Bernal vs. City of LA, BC 340489
- Bond vs. City of LA, BC 343345
- Pierce vs. City of LA, BC 342845
- Jumaane vs. LAFD, BC 294248
- Hernandez vs. City of LA
- Mattson vs. City of LA, BC 341677
- Miller vs. City of LA, BC 332888
- Lenske vs. City of LA, BC 319577

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At approximately 6:10 p.m. City Attorney Jackson called the meeting back in session and reported that during closed session the Board met with its legal counsel to review an update on the pending litigation cases listed on the Board’s Agenda, under item 7, and that no formal action was taken or recommended in the closed session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

DALILA T. SOTELO, President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: September 19, 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.