

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006, 3:00 P.M.**

The Board of Fire Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 3:10 p.m. in Room 1830, City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, Los Angeles.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Jill Furillo and Casimiro Tolentino

FLAG SALUTE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patricia Bell Hearst addressed the Commission regarding secondary access roads for the Mountaingate project.

John Miller, President of the Chief Officers Association, addressed the Board regarding a prospective Department reorganization plan.

Pat McOsker, President of UFLAC, addressed the Board regarding John Miller's comments and the Department's Quick Launch Program.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS – Considered later in the meeting.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Out of order.

Chief Bamattre presented the retired badge of Firefighter/Paramedic Jimmy Hill, who died while serving as an active member of the Department, to Mr. Hill's mother and stepfather.

A. Significant Incidents/Activities

Chief Bamattre provided an overview of incidents/activities that took place during the past two weeks, in addition to incidents occurring over the 2006 Independence Day holiday, along with historical statistics.

B. Budget Status Report – None.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – Out of order.

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1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Supplemental Agenda)

Verbal presentation - Behavioral Health Program

Chief Bamattre introduced Dr. Scott, Department Psychologist, who provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the Department's Behavioral Health Program, highlighting the Stress Management component.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS (Regular Agenda) - Out of order.

A. Approval of Minutes - Tabled until August 1, 2006 (Hudley-Hayes)

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

B. [BFC 06-041-S] - Continued Discussion and Consideration of the Board of Fire Commissioners' Action Plan Relative to the Fire Department Audits

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Chris Mattson addressed the Board regarding the Department's current substance abuse policy and the City's *Safety Sensitive Substance Abuse Guidelines*.

Emily Williams of the Training and Risk Management Bureau provided an update regarding the Vision Statement.

C. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee Reports

1. Report from the Fire Commission Personnel Committee.

[Commissioners Tolentino and Hudley-Hayes]

- Status report regarding the scope of work and budget for a consultant/facilitator to assist the Fire Department with the Audit Action Plan recommendations.

Bea Lopez, EEO Director, provided an update of the June 23rd Committee meeting to discuss the hiring of a consultant/facilitator to address Audit Action Plan recommendations.

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman): That the Board of Fire Commissioners authorize the Fire Chief to conduct the outreach and procurement necessary to facilitate the hiring of a consultant/facilitator and include the criteria and scope of work set forth by the Commission and its Personnel Committee, including the elements of today's discussion and to determine the funding for the services, with a report back to the Commission on final arrangements at the next board meeting scheduled for August 1, 2006.

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Commissioner Friedman seconded with the contingency that at the August 1st board meeting, it is determined who would oversee the work of the consultant/facilitator, whether it be the Fire Chief or the Commission.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

2. Report from the Fire Commission HRDC [Commissioners Sotelo and Hudley-Hayes] – Tabled for next Committee meeting of July 25th (Sotelo)
 - Status report from the Fire Administrator on the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 HRDC Budget.

Ms. Phyllis Lynes of the Personnel Department informed the Board of the current status regarding changes in the promotional exam process to include Human Relations issues.

D. Board of Fire Commissioners Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

ACTION (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman): Nomination of Commissioner Sotelo for the office of President. There being no additional nominations, a vote was taken.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

ACTION (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman): Nomination of Commissioner Furillo for the office of Vice-President. There being no additional nominations, a vote was taken.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

4. CONSENT ITEMS – Approved as submitted (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

- A. [BFC 06-064] – Special Retirement Resolution for Public Safety Officer James R. Wells
- B. [BFC 06-065] – Donation Acceptance from Allstate Foundation (Disaster Preparedness Safety Campaign)
- C. [BFC 06-066] – Donation from Christopher Melore to the Los Angeles Fire Department
- D. [BFC 06-067] – Grant Application – Assistance to Firefighters (F.I.R.E. Act)

5. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL - None

6. REGULAR ITEMS - None

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7. ADJOURNMENT - 5:10 p.m. (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman)

ATTEST:

DALILA T. SOTELO
President

LISA SHINSATO
Commission Executive Assistant I

Date: August 15, 2006

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next fire 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.