The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 12:06 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 and Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Genethia Hudley-Hayes, and Casimiro U. Tolentino; Acting Fire Chief Douglas Barry 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 Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

PRESENTATION – MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENT - Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Shori of Fire Station 88-B was acknowledged for his heroic actions of January 5, 2006.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT (Taken out of order)
Chris Mattson commented and provided written comments regarding the reassignment of Chief Fox to Fire Department Litigation Risk Manager. In response to Ms. Mattson's comments (she made reference that the employee was demoted), Commissioner Friedman clarified that the transfer of Chief Fox was not a demotion, that it is an administrative reassignment.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS
   A. Verbal report from the Fire Commission Human Relations Development Committee (HRDC):
      1. Continued discussion and consideration of 2006-07 HRDC funds for the recruitment of women pursuant to a recruitment plan (Continued from January 16, 2007 Meeting)
      Deputy Chief Mack provided a status report on $400,000 funding for the recruitment of women plan. He indicated that the budget breakdown for the Recruitment Expo would be submitted to the HRDC for review at their next meeting. The Board requested an HRDC budget status from Fire Administrator Mattera. She indicated that the funds are available and will work with Chief Mack to allocate the funds as necessary.

3. CONSENT ITEMS
   MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): That the Board approves the consent item reports.
   ADOPTED: AYES - 5  NAYS – 0
   A. [BFC 07-021] – Fire Chief’s transmittal dated March 13, 2007, submitting a request for approval to hire hearing officers and to start the appeal process (2006 Brush Clearance Appeal process)
      Department Recommendation: The Board 1) Approve the starting of appeal process for brush clearance in mid-April 2007. 2) Approve the appointment of Lloyd Heyne and Janice Irving as the designated Brush Clearance Appeals Hearing Officers
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B. [BFC 07-022] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated March 7, 2007, submitting a request for issuance of a Special Retirement Resolution for Glen G. Lucero, Senior Arson Investigator, Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section
Department Recommendation: The Board approves a special resolution for Senior Arson Investigator Glen G. Lucero

C. [BFC 07-023] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated March 13, 2007, submitting a request for issuance of a Special Retirement Resolution for David M. Thompson, Captain II/Paramedic, Tactical Training Section
Department Recommendation: The Board approves a special resolution for Captain II/Paramedic David M. Thompson

4. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
(Taken out of order)
Fire Chief Barry provided information on the recent Brush Clearance activation program press conference. Deputy Chief Rueda provided an overview of significant incidents and the brush fire season deployment plan. The Board would like a presentation on the brush clearance notification program including a cost analysis and fiscal impact.

5. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL - None

6. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Commissioner Friedman inquired into the possibility of rescheduling the meeting of April 3rd because it is Passover.

6. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. (Friedman/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

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

Date: April 5, 2007

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.