

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 3:04 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 Casimiro U. Tolentino. Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Genethia Hudley-Hayes

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.

Mr. Mark McLaughlin of Swat Production was acknowledged for his work in the development of a Fire Department's Public Service Announcement (PSA).

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Approval of the Minutes - Regular Meeting of May 15, 2007

Commissioner Tolentino indicated that he wanted a minor change made to the minutes relative to the Griffith Park fire. He wants the individual comments of the commissioners and the communities' appreciation of the Department captured. He moved a **MOTION** (Tolentino/Friedman) to adopt the minutes with an amendment, to change page 2, 3.A., 6th line, to read: "The Commissioners acknowledged and commended the Department's ~~success~~ actions in handling the brush Fires." **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

B. Fire Department status report relative to the Board of Fire Commissioners Audit Action Plan

Fire Chief Barry reported that Department management is in the process of writing the overall strategic implementation plan with the measures of effectiveness and that it would be forwarded to the Stakeholders for review. He said that the Professional Standards Division budgetary package would be forwarded to the Mayor's office for review and that the Department is looking for interim budget alternatives for the staffing needs. President Sotelo requested that a written status report be provided to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Commissioner Tolentino recommended that the report be forwarded to the Board after the Stakeholders Committee has the opportunity to review it, the Board concurred.

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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Significant Incidents/Activities

1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities since the last Board Meeting

Deputy Chief Rueda provided an overview of recent emergency incidents and relevant deployment activities.

2. [BFC 07-041] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of May 14, 2007 through May 28, 2007

A Significant Incident Summary report covering the period of May 27 through June 3, 2007 was distributed to the Board. The two reports were received and filed.

B. [BFC 07-040] - Review of the Information Requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners status report dated May 29, 2007

A revised status report dated June 5, 2007 was distributed to the Board. Assistant Chief Bercik discussed the projected reporting dates with the Board. The two reports were received and filed.

C. Discussion and consideration of LAFD matters scheduled before the City Council and Committees:

1. Verbal report on the disposition of matters considered/referred since the last Board Meeting
2. [BFC 07-039] – Review of the Council Motion/Action Tracking – Active status report dated May 29, 2007

Assistant Chief Bercik reported that the Council budget hearings had concluded this week. She indicated that only two Department items had been considered since the last Board Meeting, the Griffith Park fire and additional weather stations for the red flag alert days. The Board discussed the report format and usability of the data with Chief Bercik. President Sotelo requested that the items be prioritized to facilitate the Board's ability to track outstanding matters and provide direction. The report was received and filed.

D. Verbal status report on the FY 2007-08 Fire Department Budget

Fire Administrator Mattera distributed an Adopted FY 2007-08 Budget Summary report dated June 5, 2007 to the Board. She provided an overview of the City Council's budget hearing process and discussed the summary report with the Board. President Sotelo indicated that the Fire Commission Ad Hoc Budget Committee would be reviewing the approved budget analysis at their next meeting. Vice President Furillo noted that the EMS Committee would also be reviewing the approved budget impact on the five-year EMS Plan.

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4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System:

1. Verbal status report - project and funding resources
2. [BFC 07-035] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated May 24, 2007 requesting a project-support letter from the Board

Deputy Chief Keane provided a status report on the regional radio interoperability project and discussed the program grant funding process with the Board.

MOTION (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Board endorses the project and approves the issuance of a support letter. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

B. Verbal status report on the Proposition Q – Public Safety Bond Program

(Items 4.B. and 5.C. were considered jointly.) Assistant Chief Hernandez, Fire Facilities Division, provided an overview of the Proposition Q construction program and the funding process. He indicated that there are three construction phases under this Proposition Q bond program. Phase 1 consists of 80 projects and all have been completed. Phase 2 consists of 85 projects which are 95% complete. Phase 3 consists of 259 projects and Notices to Proceed are in place for most of those projects. The estimated completion date for Phase 3 is late 2008. Battalion Chief Clark provided an overview of the Proposition F program. He reported on the funding requirements and status of the construction projects. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board. President Sotelo commended the Department staff for their work in handling the construction projects and discussed staffing needs of the new facilities with Chief Barry. The report [BFC 07-038] was received and filed.

5. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board approves item 5.A. under the consent reports and that items 5.B. and C. be considered special.

ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

A. [BFC 07-036] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated May 22, 2007 submitting the Monthly Financial Summary Report for March/April 2007

The report was received and filed.

B. [BFC 07-037] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated May 24, 2007 submitting an informational report on the Los Angeles Fire Department's Scholarship Fund

C. [BFC 07-038] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated May 24, 2007 submitting an informational report on the Proposition F – Fire Facilities Bond Program

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6. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

(5.B. - BFC 07-037) - Fire Chief's transmittal dated May 24, 2007 submitting an informational report on the Los Angeles Fire Department's Scholarship Fund

Assistant Chief Bercik provided an overview of the program. She indicated that there were a total of 87 applicants, 53 completed the full application process and 15-scholarship finalists were interviewed. Six students will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and nine students will receive \$2,500 each. The finalist will receive the award on Tuesday, June 19th @ 2 p.m. Chief Bercik invited the Board to attend the awards ceremony. The report was received and filed.

4. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Barry provided information on the Department's June events with special mention of the LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Luncheon, Hope for Firefighters and Fire Station 31 grand opening. President Sotelo provided information on the retirement dinner for Chief Larry Schneider who is retiring with over 55 years of fire service experience.

5. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

6. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. (Tolentino/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

DALILA SOTELO, President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: July 17, 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.