The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 1:12 p.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: Vice President Jill Furillo, Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Genethia Hudley-Hayes and Casimiro U. Tolentino. Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson  Absent: President Dalila Sotelo

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 and the nine Charleston, S.C. firefighters who died on duty.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – Chris Mattson provided verbal and written comments.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

   A. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee Reports:

      1. Verbal status report from the Fire Commission Human Relation Development Committee (HRDC) – [Sotelo/Hudley-Hayes]

         Commissioner Hudley-Hayes indicated that at its last meeting, the Committee held extensive discussion on the guideline changes for requesting HRDC funds and on the aspects of the human relations training delivery.

      2. Verbal status report from the Fire Commission Personnel/Employee Relations Committee - [Tolentino/Hudley-Hayes]

         Commissioner Tolentino reported that he met briefly with staff and that no action was taken.

3. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

   A. Significant Incidents/Activities

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

         Fire Chief Barry shared information on the Hope for Firefighters event; Merit Scholars award presentation and the fireworks press conferences. He provided an overview of recent emergency incidents and relevant deployment activities.


         The report was received and filed.
B. [BFC 07-055] - Review of the Information Requested by the Board of
Fire Commissioners status report dated June 12, 2007
The report was 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
Fire Chief Barry indicated that two Fire Departments issues were considered this week,
the illegal fireworks response plan discussed at the Public Safety Committee and a
citywide plan for coping with the impending drought was referred to the Arts, Parks and
Aging Committee.

2. [BFC 07-050] – Review of the Council Motion/Action Tracking Active
status report dated June 13, 2007
The report was received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Verbal status report on the disposition of the Wellness Program
Coordinator renewal contract process
Vice President Furillo indicated that this item had been requested by President Sotelo
and asked the Board to postpone the consideration of the report until Ms. Sotelo
returns. It was noted that there were no timing issues for approving the contract and
that it would require Human Relation Development Committee (HRDC) funding approval
at which time a MOTION (Friedman/Tolentino) was made: That the item be transmitted
to HRDC for discussion and that HRDC refer it back to the Board after they complete
their review. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. [BFC 07-048] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 13, 2007 submitting
the Hearing Officers’ Proposed Decisions and Recommendations for
the 2006 Brush Clearance Noncompliance Inspection Fee Appeals
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
MOTION (Friedman/Hudley-Hayes): That the Board approves the recommendations of
the transmittal. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)

B. [BFC 07-049] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 13, 2007 submitting
the Hearing Officers’ Proposed Decisions and Recommendations for
the 2006 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
MOTION (Tolentino/Hudley-Hayes): That the Board approves the recommendations of
the transmittal. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)
C. [BFC 07-057] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 15, 2007 submitting a request for approval of a contract with ERICKSON AIR-CRANE INC. for helitanker services in an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Dollars ($2,363,000) for a 170-day performance period. The contract will terminate on June 30, 2008 with an option to extend the term for two additional years.

Fire Chief Barry and Sr. Management Analyst Prendergast provided information on the proposed service agreement. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION (Friedman/Hudley-Hayes): That the Board approves the recommendations of the transmittal and contract. ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)

D. Verbal report - overview of the City’s policy relative to the reappropriation of Fire Department funds back to the General Fund

Fire Administrator Mattera provided an overview of the process established under the City Charter, Article 3, which addresses finance, budget and contracts. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board. Ms. Mattera indicated that a final year-end tally of the Budget would be forwarded to the Board in August or September.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): That the Board approves the consent items.

ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)

A. [BFC 07-046] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 12, 2007 submitting the recommendations on automation of the Construction Services Unit and development of a Unified Fire Inspection System

B. [BFC 07-047] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 12, 2007 submitting an informational report on the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

C. [BFC 07-053] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 13, 2007 submitting a request for acceptance of grant funds and execution of a contracts with the Los Angeles County and First Watch Solutions, Inc. for the acquisition and implementation of a Syndromic Surveillance Program


7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL - None
8. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING POSTING

A. [BFC 07-051] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 13, 20067, submitting the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Annual Cost of Special Services Recommendation: The Board directs the Commission Executive Assistant II to schedule a Board of Fire Commissioners public hearing and publish the required notices relative to the proposed fee enactment.

The report was withdrawn.

B. [BFC 07-052] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated June 13, 20067, submitting the Brush Administrative Cost of Special Fee increase from $314 to $982

Recommendation: The Board directs the Commission Executive Assistant II to schedule a Board of Fire Commissioners public hearing and publish the required notices relative to the proposed fee enactment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): That the Board directs the Commission Executive Assistant to schedule a public hearing on July 17th and publishes the required notices.

ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 (Absent: Sotelo)

9. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Friedman thanked Chief Barry for attending the Congregation of Bais Naftoli ceremony on Sunday. Fire Chief Barry announced three events, the July 14th Fire Station 81 Grand Opening ceremony, July 19th Drill Tower 40 Graduation and August 19th Honorary Awards Ceremony.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): That the Board recess the regular meeting to consider the matters of the Special Agenda. ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:52 p.m. In attendance were, Vice President Jill Furillo, Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Genethia Hudley-Hayes and Casimiro U. Tolentino. Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 1:53 p.m., Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson indicated that the Board would recess into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with Legal Counsel on the following pending litigation case:

- Jabari Jumaane vs. City of Los Angeles, BC 294248
- Bressler, Lee, et al. vs. City of Los Angeles et al, BC 336783
- Frank Lima vs. City of Los Angeles, BC 353261
- Tennie Pierce vs. City of Los Angeles, BC 342845
The meeting was called back in open session at 2:21 p.m. Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson indicated that no action was taken in closed session.

**MOTION** (Friedman/Hudley-Hayes): That the Fire Commission meeting of July 3rd be canceled and that the Board convene at its regular meeting of July 17th. **ADOPTED:**  
AYES - 4  NAYS – 0

**12. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. (Tolentino/Furillo)

**ATTEST BY:**

JILL FURILLO, Vice 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.