

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 3:06 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, Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Genethia Hudley-Hayes and Casimiro U. Tolentino. Acting Fire Chief Jimmy Hill 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.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

- B. [BFC 07-052] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated June 13, 2007 submitting recommendations and request for approval of the proposed Brush Administrative Cost Fee increase from \$314 to \$982

The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board.

MOTION (Hudley-Hayes/Friedman): That the Board approves the recommendations of the transmittal. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 5 NAYS - 0

2. REGULAR AGENDA

A. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting of June 5, 2007
2. Regular Meeting of June 26, 2007
3. Special Meeting of June 26, 2007

MOTION (Tolentino/Hudley-Hayes): That the Board adopts the minutes as submitted. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 5 NAYS - 0

C. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Board of Fire Commissioners 2007-08 Election of Officers:
 - a. Election of Board President

Commissioner Hudley-Hayes was nominated for President of the Board. There were no additional nominations. Commissioner Hudley-Hayes was elected President by a unanimous vote. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

- b. Election of Board Vice President

Commissioners Sotelo and Tolentino were nominated for Vice President of the Board. Commissioner Sotelo was elected Vice President by a majority vote. AYES: 3 (Sotelo, Furillo, Hudley-Hayes) NAYS: 2 (Friedman/Tolentino)

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D. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Significant Incidents/Activities

Deputy Chief Hill reported that the recent fire station opening ceremony was very successful and well attended. Deputy Chief Rueda provided a summary of the 4th of July deployment activities and incidents. Commissioner Sotelo indicated that she went to the Westlake Apartment Fire incident and did not observe any coordinated efforts with the Red Cross for the relocation of the displaced residents. She discussed the emergency relocation assistance process with Chief Rueda.

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

a. Verbal report on the disposition of matters considered/referred since the last Board Meeting

Chief Hill indicated that the Brush Clearance Appeal hearings were conducted and there was only one case that required follow up, it involves a property ownership discrepancy.

b. [BFC 07-063] – Review of the Council Motion/Action Tracking – Active status report dated July 9, 2007

Tabled.

E. OLD BUSINESS - None

F. NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT ITEMS

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

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

1. [BFC 07-065] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated July 9, 2007 submitting a request for approval of the Third Amendment to the Agreement with the Los Angeles Community College District on behalf of East Los Angeles College
Recommendation: Approve the Department's report and recommendations
2. [BFC 07-066] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated June 27, 2007 submitting the Fire Department Statistics for First Quarter 2007
Recommendation: Receive and File
3. [BFC 07-067] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated June 21, 2007 submitting a request for issuance of a Special Retirement Resolution for Jesse J. Franco, Fire Inspector II, Chief's Regulation No. 4 Unit
Recommendation: Approve a Special Resolution for Fire Inspector II Jesse J. Franco

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4. [BFC 07-069] - Corrective Action Summary report for the period of April 2007 through June 2007
Recommendation: Receive and File

G. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL – None.

H. ITEMS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

1. [BFC 07-068] - Fire Chief's transmittal dated July 9, 2007, submitting the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Annual Cost of Special Services report

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 (Tolentino/Hudley-Hayes): That the Board directs the Commission Executive Assistant to schedule a public hearing on August 7th and publishes the required notices.

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

I. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Hill announced the upcoming events, including the Graduation of Class 2006-4 to be held on July 19th at Drill Tower 40. It was noted that Commissioner Friedman would represent the Board at the graduation. The Board was invited to attend the LAFD 1st Annual Honorary Awards Ceremony on August 19th. Commissioner Sotelo mentioned that she attended the Fire Station 81 grand opening and provided relevant details.

J. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 3:30 p.m., Commissioner Sotelo indicated that the Board would recess for two minutes then would convene in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with Legal Counsel on the following pending litigation case:

Bressler, Lee, et al. vs. City of Los Angeles et al, BC 336783
Frank Lima vs. City of Los Angeles, BC 353261

The meeting was called back in open session at approximately 4:30 p.m. Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson indicated that no action was taken in closed session.

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L. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. (Tolentino/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

DALILA SOTELO, Vice President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: August 7, 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.