The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:04 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Diana Bontá, Andrew Friedman and Jill Furillo. 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.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   Mr. Carl Olson provided comments relative to the Brush Clearance Program.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

   A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2008.
   
   Recommendation: That the Board approves the minutes.

   **MOTION** (Tolentino/Bontá): That the Board approves the minutes as submitted.

   **ADOPTED:** AYES - 5    NAYS – 0

   B. Board of Fire Commissioners - 2008-09 Election of Officers:

   1. Election of Board President
      Commissioner Hudley-Hayes was nominated for Board President. There were no additional nominations. Commissioner Hudley-Hayes was elected President by a unanimous vote.

      **ADOPTED:** AYES: 5    NAYS: 0

   2. Election of Board Vice President
      Commissioner Tolentino was nominated for Board Vice President. There were no additional nominations. Commissioner Tolentino was elected Vice President by a unanimous vote.

      **ADOPTED:** AYES: 5    NAYS: 0

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

   A. Events/Meetings/Announcements:

   1. [BFC 08-095] – Calendar of Events.
      Recommendation: Receive and File

      Fire Chief Barry reported on the recent Department events that he attended, including the July 3rd Drill Tower Graduation. He thanked Commissioner Bontá for representing the Board at the graduation. The Chief reported that staff interviews for the Professional Standards Division are underway.
B. Significant Incidents/Activities:

   Assistant Chief McCarthy, Bureau of Emergency Services, provided information on a multi-fatality traffic incident that occurred on July 6th and the mutual-aide strike teams on loan to assist with brush fires. President Hudley-Hayes requested that at a subsequent meeting, a report on the mutual aide costs and impacts on the Department’s budget is provided.

   Recommendation: Receive and File
   The report was received and filed.

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C. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of May 7 through May 20, 2008.
   Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to the LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committee during the reporting period.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Carl Olson commented on the assessment he received for non-compliance of brush clearance.

Chief of Staff Yamahata reported on the Department’s audit implementation progress report given to the Public Safety and Audits & Governmental Efficiency Joint Committee. He indicated that Council adopted the ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code that would allow the Fire Chief to continue employment beyond the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) end-date. Also approved, was the new Fire Deputy Chief position for the interoperable communication system project.

4. OLD BUSINESS

   A. Verbal status report from the Personnel Department regarding the Selection Process of the Firefighter Classification.
   Postponed.

   Chief Barry provided an overview of the quarterly report and discussed the matter with the Board. President Hudley-Hayes requested that at a future Board meeting, a detailed report be
provided on the training evaluator position, Leadership Development Training and the Fire Service Leadership five-day training course. The report was received and filed.

C. Verbal status report regarding the Professional Standards Division (PSD). Assistant Chief Terrazas provided an overview of progress within the PSD including staffing, training and the complaint tracking system. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board. Vice President Tolentino requested that a future presentation on the complaint tracking system be provided.

D. Verbal status report regarding the Inspector General position. Commissioner Friedman reported that City office representatives met to finalize the class specification for the inspector general position. He said that there is additional work to be done because there are Charter limitations on the job duties for the position. Commissioner Friedman will continue to work on this matter with the Mayor’s staff and report back to the Board at the next meeting. President Hudley-Hayes thanked Commissioner Friedman for the work and time he has dedicated to developing the position. No action taken.

(Note: President Hudley-Hayes left the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and Vice President Tolentino assumed the role of Chairperson.)

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Verbal informational report - overview of the dispatch procedure for Department resources that respond to emergency medical service calls. Captain Wells, Planning Section, provided an overview on how Department resources are dispatched and the Light Force Response Program that is now in operation Citywide. The matter was opened for discussion and questions from the Board. Commissioners discussed the need to communicate to the public, through public education campaigns, the reasons why task forces are often dispatched to EMS calls. No action taken.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Items A and B were called special. MOTION (Furillo/Bontá): That the Board adopts Consent Items, 6. C., D. and E. as recommended. ADOPTED: AYES - 4  NAYS – 0  (Absent: Hudley-Hayes)

A. [BFC 08-100] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated July 8, 2008 requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of University of California, Center for Pre-hospital Care (UCLA) for paramedic training services. The Agreement is for a one-year term with two one-year renewal options at a total cost of $1,349,806. Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

B. [BFC 08-101] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated July 8, 2008 requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of University of California, UCLA Center for Prehospital Care - Daniel Freeman Paramedic Education Program for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) training. The Agreement is for a three-year term. Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
C. [BFC 08-102] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated July 8, 2008, requesting authorization to process Claim Refund No. 502915 from SRG Chatsworth Partners, LLC in the amount of $47,968.00 for postponement of a Safety Plan Review for development project at 9222 N. Corbin Avenue, Northridge, CA 91324.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: Approved.


Department Recommendation: Receive and File

ACTION: Received and Filed


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7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

6.A. [BFC 08-100] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated July 8, 2008 requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of University of California, Center for Pre-hospital Care (UCLA) for paramedic training services. The Agreement is for a one-year term with two one-year renewal options at a total cost of $1,349,806.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

DISCUSSION: Deputy City Attorney Jackson disclosed that Commissioner Bontá is on the faculty at UCLA, Executive Masters of Public Health Program and after reviewing the matter, it was her opinion that no conflict of interest existed and there was no need for Commissioner Bontá to recuse from participation on the matter. Commissioner Furillo indicated that the UCLA members, represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME) had gone on strike yesterday (July 14th) and would encourage the Board to postpone taking any action on the UCLA contract in support of the strikers. The Board discussed the matter, they subsequently reached a consensus to proceed and consider the contract. Commissioner Furillo explained that she could not support any action involving UCLA due to the strike and would therefore, vote against approval. MOTION (Friedman/Bontá): That the Board adopts the report as recommended, provided that in no way it is interpreted that the Board does not support the strike. ADOPTED: AYES - 3 (Friedman, Bontá and Tolentino) NAYS – 1 (Furillo) Absent: Hudley-Hayes. ACTION: Approved.

6.B. [BFC 08-101] - Fire Chief’s transmittal dated July 8, 2008 requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of University of California, UCLA Center for Prehospital Care - Daniel Freeman Paramedic Education Program for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) training. The Agreement is for a three-year term.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

MOTION (Bontá/Friedman): That the Board adopts the report as recommended.

ADOPTED: AYES - 3 (Friedman, Bontá and Tolentino) NAYS – 1 (Furillo) Absent: Hudley-Hayes. ACTION: Approved.
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEETINGS/EVENTS**
Commissioner Friedman requested that the Fire Station 78 grand opening/dedication not be scheduled on a Saturday. He said that if possible, that it be planned for a Sunday or a weekday so that the Jewish community can attend.

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- City’s Disaster Preparedness Audit (Furillo)
- Annual Earthquake Preparedness (Bontá)

10. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. (Friedman/Bontá)

ATTEST BY:

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CASIMIRO URBANO TOLENTINO  BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Vice President      Commission Executive Assistant II

Date:   September 16, 2008

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.