

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:10 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.

• **PRESENTATIONS**

The Board acknowledged the Fire Department's work in the handling of the Sayre Fire and the heroic evacuation efforts put in place by the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments to address the needs of the fire victims.

Mr. Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, was acknowledged for his extraordinary leadership, service and assistance with the development of the Fire Department's Audit Action Plan.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes:

1. [BFC 08-174] – Regular Meeting of October 7, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

2. [BFC 08-175] – Special Meeting of October 7, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

3. [BFC 08-176] – Special Meeting of October 29, 2008.

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

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

B. Verbal update from the Fire Commission Emergency Medical Services Committee. (Furillo/Friedman)

No report.

C. Announcements/Meetings/Events.

None.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Events/Meetings/Announcements:
Item 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly.

B. [BFC 08-172] – Calendar of Events.
Recommendation: Receive and File

Fire Chief Barry reported on his trip to Israel with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The main purpose of the trip was to review Homeland Security measures. He extended an invitation to the November 20th recruit graduation at Drill Tower 81.

C. Significant Incidents/Activities:

1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of November 14 through November 18, 2008.

Deputy Chief Rueda, Bureau of Emergency Services, provided a preliminary report on the Sayre Fire incident, including deployment and evacuation efforts. Assistant Chief Fry reported that a State advisory committee is being formed to look at safety issues and to redesign construction standards. The Board requested that follow up information be provided at a subsequent meeting, including issues that would handle infrastructure for planning new communities, construction, building standards and ornamental vegetation. The Olive View Hospital fire evacuation issues were discussed including the import role that the EMS Captains undertook to coordinate ambulance resources and successful evacuation of hospital patients. The matter was opened for discussions and questions from the Board. **MOTION** (Friedman/Tolentino): In view of the fire issues discussed, that the importance of the EMS Captain positions be brought to the attention of the Mayor and City Council. Indicating that without the EMS Captains it would have been impossible to have taken the necessary precautions at the hospital and coordinate the standby of ambulances. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0. The Board directed that Chief Rueda draft a letter for signature by the Fire Chief and the Board President, reflective of the concerns discussed by the Board.

2. [BFC 08-171] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of September 22 through October 27, 2008.

Recommendation: Receive and File

The report was received and filed.

D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of October 8 through November 18, 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.

Battalion Chief Thompson reported that the Charter provision for the Board's Independent Assessor position was approved for placement on the March 3, 2009 ballot. He noted that on November 5th City council considered the Prop F fueling stations that are out of service and the issue was referred to the Information Technology and General Services Committee for resolution. On November 19th the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee will review the citywide collection practices audit. Commissioner Hudley-Hayes discussed the need to forward documentation outlining the Department's position on issues that are to be considered by Council.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Verbal update on the Fire Independent Assessor (Inspector General) Classification Specification.

Commissioner Friedman provided a status report and read the ballot language provision to the Board. The matter was opened for discussions and questions from the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [BFC 08-165] - Request for authorization to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Automatic External Defibrillator and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

Chief Barry explained that the training was continuation of an existing contract.

MOTION (Furillo/Tolentino): That the Board approves the report and recommendation.

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

- B. Verbal status report on the Kaiser Permanente Grant application for the Automatic External Defibrillator and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Program.

Postponed.

- C. [BFC 08-166] - Request for authorization to renew the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFFJAC) Subscription Agreement, for the period of November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2013.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

MOTION (Furillo/Bontá): That the Board approves the report and recommendation. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

6. CONSENT ITEMS

President Hudley-Hayes requested that Item 6.E. be postponed to December 2nd.

MOTION (Bontá/Furillo): That the Board adopts Consent Items A., B., C. and D. as recommended. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 5 NAYS – 0

- A. [BFC 08-167] – Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2008, Forecast Exits of DROP Enrollees.

Recommendation: Receive and File

ACTION: Received and Filed.

- B. [BFC 08-168] – Fiscal Year 2008-09 Monthly Financial Status Report for July/August 2008.

Recommendation: Receive and File

ACTION: Received and Filed.

- C. [BFC 08-169] - Request for authorization to write off uncollectible Department charges for services of Fire Safety Officers, High Rise Inspection and CUPA for Fiscal Years 1996-2002 in the amount of \$42,170.27.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: Approved.

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- D. [BFC 08-170] - Write off uncollectible Department charges for services of non continuing permit, bad check collection and CUPA. For Fiscal Years 1998-2006 in the amount of \$114,807.50.

Recommendation: Receive and File

ACTION: Received and Filed.

- E. [BFC 08-173] - Fire Department - Fiscal Year 2008-09 Annual Organization Chart

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: Postponed.

7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

None.

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. (Furillo/Tolentino)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: January 22, 2009

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.