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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:05 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Jill Furillo and Diana Bontá, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

Absent: President 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.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**– Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board.  
None.

**2. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 17, 2009 [BFC 09-029].  
**MOTION** (Bontá/Friedman): That the Board approves the minutes as submitted.  
**ADOPTED:** AYES – 4 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes).

B. Announcements/Meetings/Events.  
Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

**3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Announcements/Meetings/Events.  
Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

B. [BFC 09-038] – Calendar of Events.  
Recommendation: Receive and File  
Items 2.B., 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. The recent Department events were discussed.

C. Significant Incidents/Activities:  
1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of March 14 through March 17, 2009.  
Deputy Chief Rueda, Bureau of Emergency Services, reported on security preparations underway for the President's visit to Los Angeles.

2. [BFC 09-034] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of February 9 through March 9, 2009.  
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 February 18 through March 17, 2009.  
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.

Assistant Chief Yamahata reported that Council authorized funding of the EMS Captain positions and variable staffing of four ambulances for the remainder of FY 2008-09; managed hiring for sworn special duty positions was referred back to Committee. Discussion ensued and concluded with Commissioner Tolentino indicating that he want the Board to have an opportunity to review the Department's position (report) on managed hiring before it is forwarded to Committee.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. [BFC 09-028] - Audit Implementation Plan – Response to questions from Board of Fire Commissioners (correspondence dated January 7, 2009).

Postponed to April 4, 2009.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. [BFC 09-036] - Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department, Audit Division (January 2009).

Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts necessary action relative to the audit.

Postponed to April 4, 2009.

- B. [BFC 09-011] – LAFD Leadership Continuum - presentation by Training and Support Bureau.

Deputy Chief Fox provided an overview of the LAFD Leadership Continuum system in relation to the audit recommendations. Battalion Chief Rideout and Carla Browning provided an overview of the Firefighter Selection and Recruit Training components. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions from the Board. The item was continued to April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS**

Items A and B. were called special. **MOTION** (Friedman/Bontá): That the Board adopts Consent Items 6.C. through 6.F. as recommended. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes).

- A. [BFC 09-037] Proposed revision to Board Resolution No. 732 - Fire Line Pass Procedure.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

Considered special.

- B. [BFC 09-033] – Acceptance of equipment donation from VALLEY CULTURAL CENTER, Grateful Hearts fundraiser for use by Battalion 3. Donation consists of six Kestrel 4500 Weather Meters, \$299 each and Kestrel Calibration Kit, \$79 total value is \$1873.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

Considered special.

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- C. [BFC 09-032] – Acceptance of \$9,185.00 donation from FIREMAN'S FUND for Home Fire Safety Public Safety Education Materials.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: Approved.

- D. [BFC 09-031] – Write-off totaling \$64,117.56 for Fiscal Years 2001-2007. Uncollectible service charges for Fire Safety Officers, Inspection Restitution and High Rise Inspection fees, each valued over \$1,000.00.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: Approved.

- E. [BFC 09-030] – Write-off totaling \$14,490.72 for Fiscal Years 2001-2007. Uncollectible service charges for Fire Safety Officers and Inspection Restitution fees, each valued under \$1,000.00.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

ACTION: Received and Filed.

- F. [BFC 09-024] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of January 21 through March 9, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File

ACTION: Received and Filed.

## 7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

- A. [BFC 09-037] Proposed revision to Board Resolution No. 732 - Fire Line Pass Procedure.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

The Board requested clarification on the live scan process and cost. It was reported that the proposed change would minimize costs; LAFD would handle standard background checks and would seek LAPD assistance when detailed background checks are necessary. **MOTION** (Bontá/Furillo): That the Board approves the report as recommended. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes) ACTION: Approved.

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A correction on the total value of the six meters was noted, the total value is \$1794. **MOTION** (Friedman/Bontá): That the Board approves the report with the noted correction. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes). ACTION: Approved.

## 8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Sworn position - lateral transfer process including training issues (Tolentino)
- Hazardous material inspection process including problematic businesses and remedial actions (Bonta)
- Equipment and maintenance standards (Tolentino)

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Commissioner Friedman indicated that the voters had approved Proposition A, Charter Amendment for the development of a Fire Commission Independent Assessor. He thought it fitting to publicly thank the voters on behalf of the Board. He said that the overwhelming support indicates that the voters hold the Fire Department and Board of Fire Commissioners in high regard.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. (Bontá//Tolentino)

ATTEST BY:

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GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES  
President

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BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES  
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: April 7, 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.