

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:06 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes (departed at 10:40 p.m.), Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Andrew Friedman and Jill Furillo. Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

Absent: Commissioner Diana Bontá

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**– None.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Minutes - regular meeting of March 17, 2009 [BFC 09-050].

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

**ADOPTED:** AYES – 4 (Absent: Bontá).

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 09-049] – Calendar of Events.

Recommendation: Receive and File

Items 2.B., 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Chief Barry reported on recent past events and extended an invitation to future events, including the Leadership Graduation, Fire Service Day and Civilian Employee Recognition Ceremony.

C. Significant Incidents/Activities:

1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of April 3 through April 7, 2009.

No report.

2. [BFC 09-048] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of March 23 through March 30, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File

The report was received and filed.

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- D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of March 18 through April 7, 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.

Deputy Chief Rueda reported that a community meeting was held to discuss fire safety recommendations and resettlement issues of the Syare fire burnt areas. Assistant Chief Yamahata indicated that the Fire Department report on sworn special duty positions relative to managed hiring was approved by Personnel Committee and forwarded to City Council. He reported that Council adopted the Ordinance transferring the process for handling eligible emergency ambulance billing accounts to the Office of Finance.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [BFC 09-011] – LAFD Leadership Continuum - presentation by Training and Support Bureau (Part III - continued from April 7, 2009).

(Taken out of order). Assistant Chief Terrazas and Emily Williams of the Professional Standards Division provided an overview of the Workforce Excellence Unit and related objectives. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions from the Board.

- B. [CF 03-2469/S1] – Update on the City Council ordinance to amend Sections 22.210.2 and 5.181 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to include emergency ambulance billing accounts among those eligible to be referred to the Office of Finance for collection.

Considered with item 3.D.

- C. Verbal update on the Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2009-10.

(Taken out of order). Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, provided a status report on the budget process. She indicated that the City Budget Hearings begin on Monday. The presentation was followed by questions from the Board. Commissioner Furillo requested that the next budget update include an analysis of the budget cut effects on public safety, the billing project status and federal stimulus package funding update.

#### 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.

(Taken out of order). Fire Chief Barry discussed his assessment of the audit issues. Lieutenant Baronswki and James Young of the LAPD Audit Division provided a summary of the audit process and recommendations. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions from the Board. Battalion Chief Miller, Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section, discussed his concerns with the audit process and informed the Board that some of the goals have been implemented. The Board discussed what issues they want delineated in a follow up report; a audit implementation timeline should be included. Bea Lopez will work with Department staff to communicate the Board's requests. **MOTION** (Friedman/Tolentino): That within 30 days, the Department provide a preliminary report (to the Board) on where they are in attempting to analyze and meet the recommendations with the objectives to be completed no later than six months. **ADOPTED:** AYES - 4 (Absent: Bontá).

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President Hudley-Hayes excused herself from the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and Vice President Tolentino presided over the meeting.

- B. [BFC 09-055] – Approval of Trademark License Agreement with the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

Postponed.

**6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** (Furillo/Friedman): That the Board adopts the Consent Items as recommended.

**ADOPTED:** AYES - 3 (Absent: Hudley-Hayes and Bontá)

- A. [BFC 09-053] - Acceptance of equipment donation from MR. JEFF LINDER, BARBEQUES GALORE. Donation consists of 52" Grand Turbo Model BBQ for Fire Station 78, valued at \$3,299.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

- B. [BFC 09-054] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of April 1 through April 14, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File

**7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL**

None.

**8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Overtime - monetary impact on salary and benefits (Friedman)
- Update on recovery fees for treatment without transport fees (Friedman)

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. (Furillo/Friedman)

ATTEST BY:

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GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES  
President

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BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES  
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: June 16, 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.