

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:09 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. Interim Fire Chief Millage Peaks 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– Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board.
None.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes - regular meeting of July 21, 2009 [BFC 09-118].
MOTION (Bontá /Tolentino): That the Board approves the minutes as submitted. **ADOPTED:**
AYES – 5

B. Announcements/Meetings/Events
Stephen Miller, Independent Assessor, provide an overview of his work objectives and areas of priority relative to the Professional Standards Division that he will be reviewing.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

B. [BFC 09-119] – Calendar of Events.
Recommendation: Receive and File
Items 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Fire Chief Peaks reported having attended training, the Fire Station 4 Grand Opening, Fire Chief Barry's retirement luncheon, the Advancement Project were President Hudley-Hayes was honored and the Hungarian Freedom Memorial ceremony with Commissioner Friedman.

C. Significant Incidents/Activities:
1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of October 31 through November 3, 2009.
Deputy Chief Rueda reported on LAFD's pre-deployment activity in anticipation of high-wind related emergencies.

2. [BFC 09-126] - Significant Incident Summary report for the period of September 14 through October 26, 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 October 7 through November 3, 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 City Council adopted a Motion instructing the LAPD and LAFD to sever all ties with the Learning for Life programs. He discussed the civilian Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) that would have a huge impact on Department operations. Fire Chief Peaks announced that Chief Yamahata would be returning to field duty. The Board thanked Chief Yamahata for his work and assistance to the Commission during his Chief of Staff assignment.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. [BFC 09-120] - Fire Department draft report on the implementation of Los Angeles Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit recommendations (BFC 09-036 audit conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department, Audit Division, January 2009).
- B. Verbal update from Fire Commission HRDC/Personnel Committee relative to their findings and recommendation of the Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit.
Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts necessary action relative to the audit.

Items 4.A. and 4.B. considered jointly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Battalion Chief John Miller, Arson Section, commented that although the Department's report indicates that he prepared it, he would note that several revisions had been made and would not take credit for the report.

Vice President Tolentino reported that the report did not meet the HRDC and Board's instructions and therefore the report was not going to be accepted. Department staff is to work with Bea Lopez to rewrite the report and transmit it to HRDC for review prior to resubmission to the Board.

- C. Verbal update on Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2009-10.
Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, provided a status report on the Department's projected 24 million budget deficit, civilian employee furloughs and ERIP impact on services. She indicated that Ms. Lynch would be assessing the Department's deliverable needs and staffing assignments. Fire Chief Peaks addressed essential service component issues and discussed relevant concerns with the Board. President Hudley-Hayes indicated that she would like Ms. Lynch to start preliminary work and requested that the Board modify its prior direction relative to the work deliverables of the HR Value contract. Commissioner Friedman requested that potential revenue-generating services such as non-transport and obtaining report fees be reevaluated. Ms. Mattera indicated that those fees are being evaluated and more information would be forthcoming. **MOTION** (Hudley-Hayes/Tolentino): In emergency response to the budget deficit that the Board allows the Department to engage the service of HR Value and report back to the Commission. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 5

The Board discussed the civilian vacancy rate and efficiency concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McMosker, United Firefighter Los Angeles City, commented on budgetary impacts and possible availability of Federal funding to assist the fire service.

D. Verbal update on the Fire Department Modified Coverage Plan.
Battalion Chief Butler provided a status report and assessment of impact on firefighters.

5. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

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

ADOPTED: AYES - 5

- A. [BFC 09-121] – Fifth Amendment to Contract No. C-108389 with Los Angeles Community College District on behalf of East Los Angeles College for Vocational Educational Training for the term July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: APPROVED.

- B. [BFC 09-122] – 2009 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Readiness Cooperative Grant Agreements in the amount of \$1,044,910 for the term May 1, 2009 through August 21, 2010.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: APPROVED.

- C. [BFC 09-123] – Acceptance of Measure B funding allocation from the Los Angeles County for LAFD's air trauma transport services including approval to release Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for aero medical clinical care coordinator, Medical Control agreement with the County of Los Angeles and four new resolution authorities for: 1 Trauma Care Coordinator (Assistant Fire Chief, Class Code 2166) and 3 Fire Helicopter Pilot Trainee (Pilot I, Class Code 3563-1).

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

ACTION: APPROVED.

- D. [BFC 09-124] – FY 2009-10 Monthly Financial Status Report for the period July 1, 2009 through September 12, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED

- E. [BFC 09-125] – Quarterly Report – Forecast Exits of DROP Enrollees as of September 30, 2009

Recommendation: Receive and File.

ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED

- F. [BFC 09-127] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of September 29 through October 27, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File.

ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

None.

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7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit Implementation Plan.
- Update on potential impacts of DROP and sworn vacancy rate (Hudley-Hayes)

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. (Tolentino/Bontá) in memory of Ms. Cathy Chin, Secretary to the Bureau of Emergency Services who passed away on October 21st.

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: March 16, 2010

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.