

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Blanchard-Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Commissioner Gina Blanchard-Reed, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Russell T. Barstow (by phone), Commissioner Adam G. Rosenlund, Commissioner Ryan Portmann, Fire Chief Pat Dale, Deputy Chief Oscar Espinosa and Board Secretary Jodi Reynolds

Absent: District Secretary Brenda Barker had an excused absence.

Commissioner Blanchard-Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience.

Commissioner Blanchard-Reed requested a moment of silence to observe September 11<sup>th</sup> and remember all of those who gave their lives.

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Commissioner Portmann moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Rosenlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2019

Approval of Financial Documentation:

General Fund:

Payables: Checks #26898 through #26949 =	\$301,027.46
Transfer (EFT) =	<u>\$865.25</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$301,892.71</u></b>

**Commissioner Rosenlund moved to approve the Consent Agenda in the amount of \$301,892.71 after proper audit. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Dale welcomed the Board and audience members and reported on the following:

In recognition of September 11<sup>th</sup>, local business Pet Ponderosa donated 66 pizzas to the Department. They have done this annually for several years, and this is an example of a special community partnership and a great thing for them to do!

Since our last Board Meeting, we have raised our minimum staffing from 17 to 19, which eliminates cross-staffing. This is a big deal for the Department.

He, Deputy Chief Espinosa, the IAFF Local 726 Executive Board and leaders and Central Pierce Fire Chief Olson met with County Executive Bruce Dammeier to discuss and advance our Fire/Life Safety rules, concerns and issues as the county takes on more residents and building, in particular as relates to the Fredrickson community.

Six new Volunteers started the Academy yesterday. In addition, we have two new hires starting the Bates Academy this Friday, Firefighter/Paramedic Rene Remund and Firefighter/EMT Justin Jones. Also, we are sponsoring Resident Firefighter Jorge Lopez who will attend on his own time.

### **Standing Committees**

Budget, Finance and Audit – No report  
Policy and Procedure – No report  
Mergers/Consolidations – No report  
Joint Labor/Management – No report  
Strategic Leadership Plan – No report  
Legislative Affairs – No report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Portmann praised Fire Chief Dale for the latest video posted on social media, and whomever produced it. He felt it effectively conveyed the importance to the community of the increased staffing and honoring our commitment. It was well done. Chief Dale responded that Firefighter Jasper Stenstrom does great work producing the videos.

Commissioner Rosenlund commented that today is September 11<sup>th</sup>, which we acknowledged earlier with a moment of silence, a day which a lot of us think about frequently. His favorite day is September 12<sup>th</sup>. He thinks about who we were the day after, united. People on opposite sides of life and experiences came together. We should all step back and remember September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blanchard-Reed reminded the Board the next Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association meeting is being held here at Graham Fire Station 94 on September 26<sup>th</sup> if they are available to attend.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Blanchard-Reed announced a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to evaluate qualifications of public employees or review their performance, with no business to follow.**

Chief Dale requested a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) to plan or adopt strategy/position for collective bargaining, with business to follow.

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**The Executive Session was announced as beginning at 6:38 p.m.**

**The Executive Session was announced as ending at 6:53 p.m.**

**Commissioner Rosenlund moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding regarding reorganization between IAFF Local 726 Graham Chiefs Bargaining Unit and the District. Commissioner Portmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2019, was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

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Gina Blanchard-Reed, Commissioner

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Brenda L.B. Barker, District Secretary