

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOINT GFR-CPFR BOARD WORKSHOP
January 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Homan called the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for both Graham Fire & Rescue and Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order at 1:09 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL BY DISTRICT SECRETARY

Present: GFR: Chair Robert Homan, Vice-Chair Russell Barstow, Commissioner Chris McAfee, Commissioner Brian Estes, Commissioner Neil Samuelsen, Fire Chief Oscar Espinosa, CFO-District Secretary Sandi Roberts, Executive Assistant Lori Evans
CPFR: Chair Matthew Holm, Vice-Chair Steve Stringfellow, Commissioner Dale Mitchell, Commissioner Bob Willis, Commissioner Rich Coleman, Ex-Officio Julie Door, Fire Chief Dustin Morrow, and Recorder Erika McInnis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Barstow motioned to approve the Agenda. Commissioner McAfee seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION UPDATE

Fire Chief Espinosa and Fire Chief Morrow welcomed everyone. Chief Espinosa presented a PowerPoint on Regional Efficiencies & Collaboration.

CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Chair Homan gave excerpts from Margaret Wheatley's "Leading – times of uncertainty".

POLICY POSITION DEVELOPMENT

Fire Chief Espinosa and Fire Chief Morrow presented a request to the Boards to form a policy position to move towards a ballot measure by exploring the option of consolidation through merger to create a new district.

Commissioner Samuelsen motioned to accept the Policy Position Statement on Consolidation for Graham Fire & Rescue as presented. Vice-Chair Barstow seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair Stringfellow motioned to accept the Policy Position Statement on Consolidation for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue as presented. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

Chief Espinosa recommended the next steps would be to educate the community and membership, nurture existing collaboration, explore new collaboration opportunities, and will provide details at February Board Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Aaron James L726: Thanked the Board and stated that he was grateful to be able to speak on behalf of our Labor Organization.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Estes: This is a historical time. He thanked everyone for coming together and making it happen.

Commissioner McAfee: Stated things are coming on fast and she would like to see two meetings a month if needed. She thanked Fire Chief Espinosa and Fire Chief Morrow for their presentation.

Commissioner Samuelson: Let both Fire Chiefs know that he appreciated them. This is a great thing.

Vice-Chair Barstow: Thanked the audience and both Boards for allowing this to happen, Ex-Officio Julie Door for being here, and both Fire Chief Espinosa and Fire Chief Morrow.

Chair Homan: Would like to see more dual meetings coming together.

Ex-Officio Door: This has been a great collaboration. Loved the communication. Thanked both Boards for the work they have put in.

Commissioner Mitchell: We wouldn't be here without Chief Espinosa and Chief Morrow. Great presentation. We need to meet with our citizens whenever we can.

Commissioner Coleman: This is a great adventure. All citizens will benefit.

Commissioner Willis: Nothing to add beyond what everyone else has said.

Vice-Chair Stringfellow: It's been an honor to be a part of this historical event.

Chair Holm: The two Fire Chiefs work well together, but staff is necessary to make the dream come true. Both sides need to communicate with their community groups.

Chair Homan asked the GFR Board to agree to a meeting in the coming months, which would include CPFR Board Members. All members from both Boards agreed. Fire Chief Morrow will plan to bring more information at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board Meeting of January 22, 2024, was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.



Robert L. Homan, Board Chair



Sandi Roberts, CFO-District Secretary