

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2023 (Hybrid)**

PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 BENEFIT CHARGE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barstow called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

SETTING OF RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Barstow recited the ground rules for the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BENEFIT CHARGE

CFO-District Secretary Sandi Roberts presented a summary of the proposal for the 2024 Fire Benefit Charge.

CFO-District Secretary Sandi Roberts announced that the District contracted with Larry Rabel and Mike Price, along with members of Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, to prepare the 2024 Fire Benefit Charge.

CFO- District Secretary Sandi Roberts reported that the District has met all statutory requirements for the Fire Benefit Charge, per RCW 52.18.10(6). The District continues to remain at less than 25% of total budget and the benefit exceeds the cost of the charge by more than \$10,000,000. At that evening's Regular Board meeting, she will be recommending approval of a Resolution that sets the 2024 Fire Benefit Charge at \$9,975,000. The exact charge to be applied to any particular property will be available on January 2, 2024.

Chair Barstow asked CFO-District Secretary Sandi Roberts to read into the record any written comments from the public provided in advance of the hearing. No written comments were received.

Chair Barstow called for Public Comments twice. There were none.

Chair Barstow called for Commissioner Comments. There were none.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Barstow closed the public hearing at 6:36pm.



Russell T. Barstow, Board Chair



Sandi Roberts, CFO-District Secretary