

## MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020  
CITY OF GROVER BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
154 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET  
GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Due to the County of San Luis Obispo's Executive Order to shelter at home and Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Board and staff participated in this meeting via a teleconference. Members of the public were invited to participate in the meeting electronically by submitting public comments to the Clerk to the Board at [tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org](mailto:tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair White called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Chair White led the Flag Salute.

### **ROLL CALL:**

FCFA Board: Chair Karen White, Vice Chair Keith Storton and Board Member Jeff Lee.

FCFA Staff Present: Fire Chief Stephen Lieberman, General Counsel Dave Hale and Clerk to the Board Tricia Meyers.

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

**Action:** Vice Chair Storton moved, Board Member Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Five Cities Fire Authority's Agenda by a voice vote.

**AYES:** Storton, Lee, White

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

Chair White said the recount of ballots has been completed for the measure in Oceano and the measure has failed by ten votes.

**GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:**

None.

**FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:**

- a. Chief Lieberman reported that Five Cities Fire Authority has been busy preparing for the Covid-19 pandemic. Disinfecting protocol has been developed for each station. Chief Lieberman explained that San Luis Obispo County Health Department does not have a plan to aggressively test all fire personnel at this time due to limited resources. They will streamline testing if an exposure has occurred. Vice Chair Storton expressed his support to test Five Cities Fire Authority staff if more tests become available. The County has also projected the peak of virus cases may not happen until May.
- b. Call volume is slightly down.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice Chair Storton expressed his appreciation to all city staffs that continue to do their job during this difficult time. Board Member Lee thanked all essential staff for the work they are doing. Chair White thanked Chief Lieberman for all of his hard work in responding to this pandemic.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:19 a.m. concerning the following items:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Negotiators: Che Johnson – Law Firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Nicole Valentine – Accounting Manager – Arroyo Grande  
Karla Mattocks – Human Resources Coordinator-Grover Beach  
Lisa Christensen – Human Resources Manager-Arroyo Grande

Represented Employees: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4403

- b. **INITIATION OF LITIGATION** pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section **54956.9**: (one potential case).

- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.** Consistent with Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9:

**Name of case: Boyer v. Five Cities Fire Authority, City of Arroyo Grande, Steve Lieberman 18CV-0438**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

Chief Lieberman called the meeting back to order at 11:24 a.m. with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Grover Beach Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

/s/ Karen White, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 05/15/2020)