

MINUTES

FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Due to the County of San Luis Obispo's Executive Order to shelter at home and Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, members of the Board and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public were invited to participate in the meeting by listening in and could comment electronically by submitting public comments to the Clerk to the Board at tmeyers@fivecitiesfire.org.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Storton called the Five Cities Fire Authority (FCFA) Board meeting to order at 09:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Storton led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

AGENDA REVIEW:

Chair Storton asked Board members if they requested any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of Approval of Minutes

Action: Approved the minutes of the Board Meeting on July 16, 2021 with a roll call vote.

AYES: White, Lee, Storton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of Cash Disbursement Activity.

Action: Received and filed the listing of cash disbursements for the period of July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. No public comment received.

AYES: White, Lee, Storton

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Station Coverage Constraints Related to Memorandum of Agreement and Temporary Staffing Options.** Chief Lieberman presented the staff report and recommended a staffing solution that would reduce Station 3 closures. He explained the staffing challenges at Station 3 that have resulted in these closures. A permanent solution will not be reached until the results of Oceano Community Services District's revenue measure that will take place in June of 2022. The current Memorandum of Agreement has a fixed contribution amount for each community, which is operationally challenging. Chief Lieberman responded to questions from the Board regarding funding and staffing. Chair Storton invited public comment. Speaking from the public was Julie Tacker and Sean McMahon. No further public comment was received.

Action: Vice Chair Lee moved, and Board Member White seconded the motion to approve the hiring of one full time Fire Engineer and retain the Reserve Firefighter position for Station 3 in Oceano, including processing a budget adjustment for these changes. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lee, White, Storton
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None.

GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS:

None.

FIRE CHIEF ITEMS:

- a. Chief Lieberman reported that he will be attending the upcoming Oceano Community Services District Board meeting.
- b. FCFA strike team staff will be heading home this weekend.
- c. Chief Lieberman will be out of the office September 23rd to 30th.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Storton adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference.

/s/ Keith Storton, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Tricia Meyers, Clerk to the Board

(Approved at Board Meeting on 10/15/2021)