

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on July 21, 2020, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Pettigrew, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Agenda Approval.** It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: None.

(2) Announcements: Happy Birthday to Commissioner Peden.

**Correspondence.** WFOA notified us that in-person meetings are prohibited in Phase 1 and 2 counties through August 1, 2020. The October conference is cancelled.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

**Administration Reports.** Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

**Facilities.** N/A.

**Equipment.** Chief Marrs said there was contaminated fuel delivered at Stations 28 and 18. The storage tanks were checked and put out of service. The District had the mechanic drain the tanks and put new filters on the tanks. The fuel company came out and ran tests. The District has one engine with an ejector problem that is being reviewed. The PSRFA shops are collecting all of the needed parts and establishing what repairs to District apparatus might cost. Chief Marrs said the fuel company is going to reimburse these costs. Chair Elwell asked about the warranty periods for the vehicles and Chief Marrs said he will check. Chair Elwell asked how long we have to decide whether the District will do the \$15,000 in repair work; there may be warranty issues. He said the fuel company needs to preserve the District's rights and/or pay those costs.

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**Personnel.** Chief Marrs discussed moving forward with National Testing to administer the entry level testing process. A third party provider to administer testing could save the District a lot of money. The administration favors National Testing over Public Safety Testing. Commissioner Peden asked why. Chief Marrs responded that National Testing presented better and neighboring departments preferred them. Commissioner Sitterley asked if there was any difference in the population groups that the two companies pursued for testing. Chief Marrs said there was not and that both are national companies. He discussed the types of eligibility lists that can be created and how National Testing will administer that. Commissioner Sitterley asked whether the companies provided sample lists to show the population groups that tested. Chief Marrs said both companies presented data showing the ethnic groups that tested.

Chief Pettigrew discussed the battalion chief (BC) eligibility test, moving forward. There are eight candidates. The test is scheduled for September 24-25. Information has been sent out and now candidates have time to submit their proposals. Those are due on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Jack Lyons, test administrator, will create an evaluation tool for the commissioners to use when reviewing the proposals. Chief Pettigrew said the proposals are limited to ten pages. Commissioner Peden asked if there was a font-size limitation and Chief Pettigrew said they would check. He also discussed how scores would be weighted. Chair Elwell asked if fire service background will be needed to evaluate the proposals, noting that neither he nor Commissioner Sitterley have fire service backgrounds. Chief Pettigrew said the candidates will have to submit their proposals so that they can be understood by the Board. Chief Marrs said firefighters need to be able to speak “non-firefighter” so it is good to have reviewers that do *not* have a fire service background.

**Events.** Chief Marrs updated the board on Covid-19 information. He shared his screen for the board to review the statistics. There are now 95 cases per 100,000 population, whereas the target is 25 per 100,000. Also, the “outbreak” range—the number of people infected by one other infected person—for King County is 1.7, whereas the target is 1.0 or lower.

The risk of hospitalizations is *decreasing*, but the risk of death is *increasing*. The number of Covid-19 patients in hospital beds in King County is at 2%, which is very good. The target is less than 10%. 70% of all hospital beds are occupied. There have been 147 new positives in the last 24 hours. The number of positives in Burien is substantially greater than the overall county rate. Burien, Tukwila and SeaTac seems to be a Covid hotbed right now. Chief Marrs showed the Board a metric that tellingly showed the correlation between the lifting of the stay-at-home order and an increase in positive cases. Chief Marrs discussed the importance of masks and actions the District is taking to distribute masks. Trina has a webinar upcoming regarding Covid reimbursement. So far, the District has incurred \$53,000 in Covid-related costs.

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Chair Elwell asked about firefighter exposures. There were two added exposures, but they were off-duty exposures and both firefighters tested negative. There have been approximately 135 contacts with Covid-19 patients, but only 46 firefighters had actual exposure to these patients. Of the 463 positives in the City of Burien, District personnel came into contact with 51. The "Scout" PPE system has been a fantastic mechanism for avoiding firefighter exposures. No District firefighters have gotten sick so far.

Chief Marrs discussed the Yarrington funeral home fire. He showed a drone video that demonstrated how the District and its partners attacked the fire. After containment, the building was fenced and inspected by King County. It was determined that this was an arson fire and a total loss. An arrest has been made. The person arrested allegedly has set a number of other fires in unincorporated King County. The BCs are working on a post-incident analysis.

**Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2020 and Voucher Approval for July as follows, Expense Fund: No. E20-553 through No. E20-643 in the amount of \$1,233,683.68 due for payment July 31, 2020 and Construction Fund: No. C20-002 in the amount of \$11,528.00 due for payment July 31, 2020.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** Commissioner Peden said various community groups have been gathering resources to support local police. Chair Elwell discussed the WFCA Executive Board Meeting. He said there has been a significant drop in claims under the WFCA health care plan. WFCA is not going to accept new applicants for the PPO Plus; PPO Plus rates will increase by 13%. The District is on the PPO 100 Plan so that rate increase will not impact us. Chair Elwell also discussed the dental plan.

**Adjournment.** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:09 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

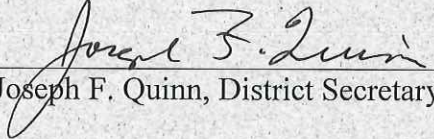
1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Notice of cancellation of conference
5. WFCA notice re: OPMA restrictions
6. B-Town blog on funeral home fire


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7. Covid-19 expense tracking


Minutes Approved: Aug 4, 2020.

Attest:

  
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
Chris Elwell  
Chairman

  
Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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