

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held at Headquarters Station 28 on October 21, 2019, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending: Chief Mike Marrs and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster.

**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.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: Chief Marrs said there was a fire at the Bernadette School (picture attached).

(2) Announcements:

- Nov 1 – Board of Commissioners Retreat 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Burien City Hall, Miller Creek Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St, Burien).
- Nov 4 – Presentation by Steve Redmond of Code4Northwest, 6:00 p.m. at Station 28
- Nov 9 – KCFCFA presents the “2019 Incident Management Training for Elected Officials” at Shoreline Fire Dept., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Nov 13 – KCFCFA General Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Station 28. Topic: 2020 WFCA Health Care Program presented by Ann Marvin/Health Care Manager with WFCA.

**Correspondence.** See Chief’s Report.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

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

**Facilities.** The maintenance work on glulam beams is complete and looks nice, Chief Marrs said.

**Equipment.** Near the end of the meeting, Ernie Brown will be here to demonstrate the new door prop.

**Personnel.** Chief Marrs updated the Board on the Code4NW presentation. Steve Redmond, police officer, started Code4NW as a “help line” for first responders.  
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Code4NW would be a good place to start for suicide prevention and signs of depression. Right now, we are struggling with why suicide and PTSD have become so prevalent in the fire and law enforcement services. Chief Marris discussed PTSD briefly. Commissioner Sitterley inquired as to whether Code4NW focuses on what others should do when they notice symptoms of PTSD in others. Chief Marris replied affirmatively.

Five employees have applied for the 2020 Salary Savings Plan retirement. Two are NHFD former employees and are “direct reimbursement” from NHFD as negotiated in the ILA. Two spots are eligible from Burien Fire based on the most recent collective bargaining agreement. These spots will be filled by seniority unless the Board wants to open up some additional spots. Commissioner Peden asked a question related to seniority; Chief Marris responded. Chair Elwell asked if there are timelines for putting in requests for these benefits. Chief Marris answered affirmatively. He also spoke as to how leave cash-outs work in the context of individuals applying for the above benefits. This is a work in progress, and Chief Marris will probably discuss this at the Board Retreat.

**Events.** Chief Marris updated the Board on the Department of Retirement Systems audit. It has been a “whirlwind” over the past week. The district asked the DRS judge to stay the hearing until the summary judgment resolves the case. The district met its timeline to file its summary judgment by August 23. The DRS included their summary judgment motion in their response to the district’s motion, creating an issue. The district was expecting a ruling on the summary judgment about a week ago, but no ruling has been forthcoming yet. It is being considered whether the DRS judge should rule on the merits of this case based on depositions and other documents already in evidence.

The 2020 Budget process has begun. Chief Marris indicated that the district will not have to transfer money out of reserves this year. The 2019 budget is tracking right about where the district was forecasting.

The Chief updated the Board on the ILA with King County to provide fire protection to King County properties and get paid for it. He mentioned that the ILA temporarily “fell through the cracks,” but the ILA is ready for signature. There is a motion on the agenda to approve it under New Business

The Chief updated the Board on the MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) proposal from Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority. Members of the PSRFA may be coming to a district meeting in November to discuss the PSRFA proposal. This discussion would mostly be informational. Chief Marris wants to get the Board up to speed on the programs that are out there to decide what sort of program that the district may want to adopt.

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The Chief updated the Board on the Valley Comm cost model changes. There have been a couple of meetings on this. Valley Comm was initially created from the "valley cities" that wanted to do their own dispatching. Later they included contract agencies such as Burien Fire. Valley Comm now essentially does dispatch for all police and fire in South King County. Chief Marrs discussed how cost differentials between owners and non-owners have become a sticking point. Fire agencies are being asked to pay more than police. Chief Marrs indicated that the district pays approximately \$180,000 per year to Valley Comm for dispatch services, but the district is looking at an approximately 35% increase moving forward under the latest Valley Comm proposals.

**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 September 25, 2019 special meeting, the minutes of the October 1 regular meeting and voucher approval for October as follows: Expense Fund: No. E19-790 through No. E19-881 in the amount of \$1,133,820.08, due for payment October 31, 2019 and Construction Fund: No. C19-001, in the amount of \$7,810.00 due for payment October 31, 2019.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business. 1. Motion: Interlocal Agreement with King County for Fire Protection Services.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Services to the County Properties, effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried, 3-0.

**2. Motion: Purchase Diesel Exhaust Removal System.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to authorize Chief Marrs to purchase one NO SMOKE Direct Source Capture Diesel Exhaust Removal System from WARD Diesel Filter Systems, for a cost not to exceed \$9,612.97, including tax and installation. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** None.


**Adjournment.** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:44 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.

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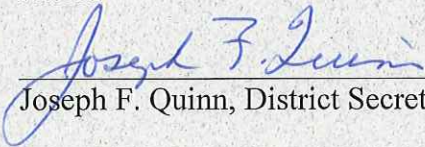
**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:


1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. KCFCA flyer on IMS training
5. Ward NO SMOKE Quotation
6. Photo of St. Bernadette school.


Minutes Approved: Nov 5, 2019.

  
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Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:

  
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Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
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Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
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Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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