



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE BOARD
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, Washington
October 26, 2021**

SPECIAL GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Nancy Backus called the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) Special Board of Governance Regular Meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

A. Flag Salute

Vice Chair Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Chair David Hill (Excused), Vice Chair Nancy Backus, Member Leanne Guier, Member Claude DaCorsi, Member Kerry Garberding (Excused), Member Troy Linnell, Member Lynda Osborn, Member David Storaasli, Member Larry Brown.

Staff members present included Chief Brad Thompson, Deputy Chief Dave Larberg, Deputy Chief Rick Olson, CFO Mark Horaski, and Clerk of the Board Stefanie Harper.

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Chief Financial Officer Horaski provided an overview of the proposed 2022 General, Debt Service and Capital Project Fund Budgets for the Finance Committee's consideration. Highlights included:

- VRFA will begin to ramp-up staffing for a new station and, in recognition of the time and effort involved in the staffing and training, the staffing process will begin in the 3rd QT of 2022.
- There will be one-time increases to general expenditures including but not limited to: Restocking of pandemic supplies; Replacement of leaking dive team dry suits; Acquisition of multi-gas meters for front-line apparatus; anticipated increase in the cost of servicing and repairing our vehicles; and the cost associated with additional network bandwidth.
- The final payment for the aerial apparatus is expected in the first quarter of 2022.
- The FBC rate has been increased to 37.9% from 35.8% in 2021, but down from 49.4% in 2020.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2021

Nancy Backus
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Vice - Chair

Stefanie Harper
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Clerk of the Board