



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE BOARD
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, Washington
January 11, 2022**

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Nancy Backus called the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) Board of Governance Regular Meeting to order at 5:15 p.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, 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, Legal Counsel Eric Quinn, and Clerk of the Board Stefanie Harper.

C. Announcements, Proclamations, and Presentations

There were no announcements, proclamations or presentations.

D. Appointments

There were no appointments.

E. Agenda Modifications

There were no agenda modifications.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN INPUT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

There was no public hearings.

B. Audience Participation

Mr. Brent Swearingen spoke to the Board and expressed how pleased he was with the members of VRFA for their hard work on the accreditation process.

C. Update from IAFF Local #1352

President Ryan Freed provided an update to the Board on the staffing of the labor group due to Omicron and the increase in call volume. He addressed the current mandate that is still in effect and the continued evaluation that the

labor union and admin are taking part in. President Freed provided an update on the COVID site and our current staffing that we provide.

D. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

Chair Osborn stated that the Finance Committee met this evening and recommends Claims and Payroll for approval by the Board.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Chair Backus thanked the crews for working with the Auburn Food Bank for the toy drive before Christmas for members in our communities.

She extended her personal and professional appreciation to Morehart, Wholmacher, Nylund, Brown, Rodriguez, Lafausa, and Simpson for their work on the tragedy in Lakeland Hills.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration

Chief Thompson addressed the Board and thanked retired Chief Swearingen on his comments to the Board on the Accreditation process and thanked him for his involvement in that process.

He provided an update on the current mandate as it has effected staffing at VRFA.

There are 5 recruits who are graduating academy and will be joining shift next week. There are also 4 recruits who are starting academy February 7.

Chief Thompson thanked the VRFA health team for their work on the ever changing COVID exposure tracing and quarantine regulations.

The ladder truck is on time and budget and should be ready to be delivered in April/May 2022.

Our audit process has started and the State is working with CFO Horaski. FBC notices have went out in the mail as well.

Station 31 property acquisition should close this week.

Chief Thompson thanked all three cities for their work during the snow storm keeping the roads clear which allowed us to respond to calls in a safe manner.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Governance Board to be routine and may be approved by one motion.

A. Minutes

- 1. Minutes* of the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

B. Vouchers

- 1. Claims**

Check numbers 210077 through 210127 in the amount of \$489,657.15, and electronic payments in the amount of \$10,450.00, totaling \$500,107.15, dated January 12, 2022.

- 2. Payroll**

Payroll check numbers 99675 through 99676 and 201174 through 201188 in the amount of \$138,476.47, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,873,086.24 for a grand total of \$2,011,562.71 for the period covering December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

There being no further discussion or questions Member Guier moved and Member Storaasli seconded the approval of the Minutes, Claims and Payroll as presented above.

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V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

There were no resolutions or motions.

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There was no information and/or discussion.

VII. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive or closed session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2022

Nancy Backus
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Vice - Chair

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Stefanie Harper
Clerk of the Board