



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE BOARD
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, Washington
April 12, 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 5:16 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 Robyn Mulenga, Member Kerry Garberding (excused), Member Troy Linnell (excused), 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

Chief Thompson announced Joel Toline as new captain, effective April 1, 2022.

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

There was no audience participation.

C. Update from IAFF Local #1352

There was no update from the IAFF Local #1352.

D. Correspondence

There was no correspondence submitted prior to the meeting.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

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

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board Member reports.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration

Chief Thompson addressed the Board and provided the following update:

Communications that are being updated per our Strategic Initiative.

Several firefighters are still out on protective leave due to the mandate.

Joint recruitment hiring is taking place and entry level oral boards are taking place May 9 – 13, to hire one of our biggest class ever.

Succession planning – captains testing is currently taking place. Tactical taking place this coming week.

New ladder truck should be here by the end of April.

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 March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting.

B. Vouchers

1. Claims

Check numbers 210288 through 210358 in the amount of \$660,231.50, and electronic payments in the amount of \$11,000.00 totaling \$671,231.50, dated April 13, 2022.

2. Payroll

Payroll check number 99682 in the amount of \$8,325.00, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,742,767.83 for a grand total of \$1,751,092.83 for the period covering March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

There being no further discussion or questions Member Guier moved and Member Brown 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

A. HGAC Agreement

Deputy Chief Larberg stated VRFA is part of a purchasing cooperative and this agreement allows us to purchase a new ambulance from Braun NW as part of this group.

There being no further discussion or questions, Member Guier moved and Member Storaasli seconded the approval of the recommendation of the Amended Staffing Model.

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VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Deputy Chief Larberg thanked the Board of the job they do and said his farewell as he retires at the end of May. Mayor Backus thanked DC Larberg for his years of service and shared some personal stories.


VII. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive or closed session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2022



Nancy Backus
Vice - Chair



Stefanie Harper
Clerk of the Board