



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY  
GOVERNANCE BOARD  
1101 D Street NE  
Auburn, Washington  
August 09, 2022**

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**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 Robyn Mulenga, Member Kerry Garberding, Member Troy Linnell, Member Lynda Osborn, Member Vic Kave, Member Larry Brown.

Staff members present included Chief Brad Thompson, Deputy Chief Tim Day, Deputy Chief Rick Olson, CFO Mark Horaski, Legal Counsel Joe Quinn, and Clerk of the Board Stefanie Harper.

**C. Announcements, Proclamations, and Presentations**

There were no announcement, proclamations, or presentations.

**D. Appointments**

Deputy Chief Day introduced Carrie Talamaivao to the Board. Carrie is the Lead Social Worker for the VRFA CARES team. Carrie spoke to the board and expressed her gratitude and excitement to be a part of the VRFA team.

**E. Agenda Modifications**

There were no agenda modifications.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN INPUT, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**B. Audience Participation**

There was no audience participation.

**C. Update from IAFF Local #1352**

Vice President Jordan Gustafson addressed the Board regarding current staffing. VP Gustafson asked for the Boards assistance in maintaining minimum staffing and hiring new positions.

**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.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Kave addressed the Board regarding the KC EMS Levy for those areas in that the VRFA responds within the City of Auburn and City of Pacific in Pierce County. He indicated this is concerning because King County residents are paying for services Pierce County residents are receiving, resulting in potential inequities.

Member Kave requested a 3-year report that lists all transport fees charged and collected, number of transports, and averages for each year, and looking into the feasibility of a third aid car being put in service.

Member Kave requested Administration consider the possibility of a Lieutenant position being added.

Member Kave requested further information on the vaccine mandate. Member Kave spoke about the Program Medical Director – King County Medic One EMS and would like him to be invited to the next meeting to address the Board.

Vice Chair Backus responded and indicated there might not be enough time to address all items.

Member Guier thanked crews at St. 38 for attending City of Pacific National Night Out.

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

Chief Thompson addressed the Board and provided the following update:

Welcome to the Board, member Vic Kave.

Provided statistics on call volume and call type for the month of July.

13 entry level firefighter recruits will start on August 16<sup>th</sup> and start academy on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Data Analyst Michelle Roy will also start on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

We received three responses on the RFQ for Architectural Services and are in the review process.

This years annual physicals have been brought in house and done through LifeScan. They come to the stations and provide physicals specifically for public service agencies. Over 70% of staff participated this year.

**VI. CONSENT ITMES**

*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 July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

**B. Vouchers**

**1. Claims**

Check numbers 210556 through 210608 in the amount of \$452,088.67, and electronic payments in the amount of \$14,513.47 totaling \$466,602.14, dated August 10, 2022.

**2. Payroll**

Payroll check number 99686 in the amount of \$7,800.00, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,881,991.47 for a grand total of \$1,889,791.47 for the period covering July 1, 2022 to July 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. Resolution 178:** A resolution of the Governing Board of the Valley Regional Fire Authority providing the time for holding it's regular meetings in accordance with RCW 42.30.070.

There being no further discussion or questions Member Guier moved and Member Garberding seconded the approval of Resolution 178.

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**VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

There was no information/discussion.

**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 5:39 p.m.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

Nancy Backus  
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Vice - Chair

S. Harper  
Stefanie Harper  
Clerk of the Board