



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE BOARD
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, Washington
October 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 5:17 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 (Excused), Member Robyn Mulenga (Excused), 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, Legal Counsel Eric Quinn, and Clerk of the Board Stefanie Harper.

C. Announcements, Proclamations, and Presentations

DC Day provided the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan, focusing on initiatives 3 through 5, Staffing, Mentorship & Communications.

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 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 and expressed his excitement on the return of members and the update to the vaccine mandate. He stated the Local is ready to continue the mission and thanked the BoG and Chief Thompson for their support.

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 asked the Board for an update on his previous request on transport fees. Chief Thompson provided an update and indicated he would provide hard numbers to Member Kave.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration

Chief Thompson addressed the Board and provided the following update:

After evaluating all the data and the updated vaccine mandate, we offered those members on the recall list the opportunity to return to work. Two of the four members will be returning to their positions on October 16th and undergo retraining.

Entry Level interviews have been completed and we met some outstanding and interesting candidates.

Captain Hillebrant is retiring after 25 years, and we will have a new captain to introduce at the next meeting. We will also introduce four new captains for the upstaffing of the new station.

We currently have 12 recruits in academy that are doing great!

Ready Rebound is a company we use to provide a concierge type service to our members when they are injured. In 2022 we have saved over \$200,000 in time loss.

We are entering the 2nd year of the FIIRE program through L&I and are receiving a 10% L&I premium reduction.

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 September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

B. Vouchers

1. Claims

Check numbers 210679 through 210739 in the amount of \$401,541.57, and electronic payments in the amount of \$12,650.00 totaling \$414,191.57, dated October 12, 2022.

2. Payroll

Payroll check numbers 99689 and 201209 through 201222 in the amount of \$39,595.44, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,877,523.84 for a grand total of \$1,917,119.28 for the period covering September 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022.

There being no further discussion or questions Member Brown moved and Member Garberding 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/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 5:44 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2022



Nancy Backus
Vice - Chair



Stefanie Harper
Clerk of the Board