

WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Collins called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and was as follows:

Roll Call

Commissioners Derek van Veen, Doug Halbert, Tim Osgood, Mike Millman, and Roger Collins of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Commissioners Rick Verlinda, Rick Webster, Josh Pratt, and Dave Maehren of Northshore Fire Department. Commissioner Don Ellis of Northshore Fire Department was absent.

Also present were Fire Chief of Woodinville Fire & Rescue and Interim Fire Chief of Northshore Fire Department Greg Ahearn; Deputy Chief Doug McDonald of Northshore Fire Department; Chief Administrative Officer Joan Montegary of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Legal Counsel Matt Paxton of Northshore Fire Department; Board Secretary Nicole Frisch of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Board Secretary Amy Oakley of Northshore Fire Department; and members of the participating fire departments and public.

Public Comment

Jeremiah Ingersoll, President IAFF Local 2459

Mike Groff, President IAFF Local 2099

Eric Adman, Kenmore Resident and Shoreline Paramedic

Peter Briner, President IAFF Local 2950

Gabe DeBay, IAFF Local 1760

Todd Wollum, Kenmore Resident

Mike Dee, Lake Forest Park Resident

Approval of Agenda in Content and Order

MOTION: Commissioner Maehren moved to add a statement to the agenda as Item 4.1. The motion was not seconded.

MOTION: *Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webster. The motion passed 5-0 by the Woodinville Board and 5-0 by the Northshore Board.*

1. Community Communications Update

Commissioner Millman provided an update on the Community Communications subcommittee.

The joint Boards discussed a new name for the new combined agency.

MOTION: *Commissioner Maehren moved that the Northshore Board recommend that the new merged agency name be Northshore Fire & Rescue subject to collaboration with Administration, staff, and Labor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webster. After discussion by the Northshore Board, Commissioner Maehren withdrew his motion.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Millman moved that the Woodinville Board recommend that the new merged agency name be Northshore Fire & Rescue pending a successful merger vote and collaboration with staff and Labor. The motion was not seconded.*

2. Merger Progress Report

Chief Ahearn presented on the benefits of a merged agency as attached hereto.

3. Merger Next Steps

Chief Ahearn reported that the Woodinville City Council self-initiated and passed a resolution in support of the merger.

Board Chair Collins reported that the intent of the joint Boards is to maintain the headquarters station in Kenmore at Station 51.

The joint Boards directed staff to look into the possibility of hiring a third-party firm to perform an independent analysis of the merger.

4. Next Joint Meeting Agenda Items

The next joint meeting will be March 16, 2021. The agenda will include all standing joint Board agenda items.

5. Executive Session

At 6:42 p.m., the Boards moved into Executive Session for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of collective bargaining.

At 7:02 p.m., the Boards reconvened. No action was taken.

6. Adjournment

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Nicole Frisch

Nicole Frisch, Board Secretary

Derek van Veen

Derek van Veen, Commissioner, Position 1

Doug Halbert

Doug Halbert, Commissioner, Position 2

Tim Osgood

Tim Osgood, Commissioner, Position 3

Mike Millman

Mike Millman, Commissioner, Position 4

Roger Collins

Roger Collins, Commissioner, Position 5