

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District  
Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2023

Present:	Jim Albee, Chair	Bob Baker, Fire Chief (absent)
	Renee Anderson, Vice Chair	Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Govt. Affairs Officer
	Rich Sokol, Treasurer (via Teams)	John Curtis, Deputy Chief – Emergency Services (absent)
	Sue Roche, Secretary	Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services (absent)
	Kevin Leung	Dillon Miskimins, CFO Business Services
	William Shriver (via Teams)	Camie Chapman, CHRO Employee Services (absent)
	Bruce Stahlman	Allison Ulmer, Legal Counsel

Others Present: Station 12 Crew Members, SMFR Staff Members & Guests

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Albee called the Special Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at Station 12, 6529 S. Broadway in Littleton, CO at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Albee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Sokol and Shriver attended via Teams. All of the other Board members were present in person.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Renee Anderson and seconded by Kevin Leung to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**PARTNER UPDATE**

1. **City of Littleton** - City Manager Jim Becklenberg provided a short personal introduction and provided updates on happenings in the city, highlighting:
  - 2023 City Council Priorities
  - 2023 Highlights
  - Big Things on the Way with Capital Improvements Funding
  - 2024 Budget Priorities

**ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

N/A

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Youth Program Overview –

**Explorers** – Firefighter & Program Coordinator Kylie Anderson, a former Explorer and Rock Canyon graduate, provided information on how the program has been reworked since COVID with a new selection process used this past May to provide hands-on training to 32 new recruits. Coordinator Anderson also provided highlights of how the Rock Canyon High School Program works. The next recruitment session will be outlined on the website by January.

**Arapahoe Rescue Patrol** – Logistics Technician & ARP Captain Stephanie Fischer, provided a short introduction, noting that her dad was an ARP member and was instrumental in her interest in the program. She worked her way up to become the first female Captain. Her husband is an ARP Operations Captain, and her two sons are third generation members. ARP Chief Justin Kanaber provided a history of the 67-year-old program, which currently has 66-68 members with another 16 members graduating two weeks ago. Recently promoted Captain Katey Kasper provided a tour of the APR offices and equipment at Station 12.

**Child Fatality Review Board Recommendations** – CRRS Silva, a member of the Colorado Child Fatality Prevention System review board, a statewide network that focuses on preventing child deaths, presented an overview of their recommendations to the board. Over the past nine years, CFPS has developed 49 child fatality prevention recommendations using and developing statewide partnerships and resources. The report, presented to the Governor, reflects the culmination of the collective expertise of system partners across Colorado to coordinate at the state and local levels and provides an opportunity to advance prevention strategies and improve systems. A copy of the report and more information can be found at: <http://www.cochildfatalityprevention.com/p/reports.html>.

Correspondence items in the Board's packet are summarized below as well as other information items that were communicated:

- Chief Dell'Orfano:
  - Distributed flier about the upcoming Douglas County Community Foundation Heroes Gala that will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Board members were invited to attend.
  - The annual IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial is September 16<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs. This year's memorial ceremony will recognize line of duty deaths in 2021 and 2022, which will include SMFR's PM Tony Palato.
  - Proposition HH will be on the ballot. The Supreme Court ruled that it lacks the subject-matter jurisdiction to assess the constitutionality of Prop HH prior to the endorsement of Colorado voters.
- CFO Miskimins stated that abatement and demolition of Station 15 will start the day after labor day.
- Director Leung reported that he visited Denver Fire Station 4 last Saturday where a wall of the station was dedicated to the China Town Memorial & he was interviewed by Channel 7 about the memorial wall.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)**

A motion was made by Jim Albee and seconded by Kevin Leung at 9:01 p.m. to convene to Executive Session:

1. Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding the City of Castle Pines URA.
2. Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to consult with attorneys to receive legal advice on specific legal questions and pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(d), C.R.S., to discuss details of security arrangements or investigations regarding cyber security.

The motion carried 7-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:57 p.m. with no action taken.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Board Budget Study Session to be held on September 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m., at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on September 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Albee adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Attested by: James L. Allen

Date: Sep 11, 2023