

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District
Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2025

Present: Jim Albee, Chair Renee Anderson, Vice Chair Rich Sokol, Treasurer (absent) Sue Roche, Secretary Kevin Leung William Shriver Bruce Stahlman	 Bob Baker, Fire Chief Mike Dell'Orfano, Chief Govt. Affairs Officer (absent) John Curtis, Deputy Chief – Emergency Services Kristin Eckmann, Deputy Chief – Community Services (absent) Matt Weller, Deputy Chief – Internal Services (absent) Camie Chapman, CHRO - Employee Services (absent) Stephanie Corbo, CFO - Business Services (absent) Bob Cole, Legal Counsel (absent)
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Others Present: SMFR Staff, Citizens

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albee called the Special Meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Director Sokol's absence was excused. All of the other Board members were present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Leung motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Shriver. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chair Albee asked if there were any changes to conflict of interest affirmation:

- Director Stahlman – no changes
- Director Roche – no changes
- Director Anderson – no changes
- Chair Albee- no changes
- Director Shriver – no changes
- Director Leung – no changes
- Director Sokol –(absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

N/A

DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. **Revenue Initiative Discussion** – Chair Albee stated he wanted to take the opportunity to make sure that we are being thoughtful and prudent in the identification of items that the Board needs to be better prepared to discuss revenue needs. He encouraged the Board to review the raw comments provided by the consultant. And, if there is anything that is missing, send the information to Chief Dell'Orfano and cc him.

After some additional conversation, it was recommended that on April 7th it be a work group setup and may want to move up the start time.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- Chief Baker:
 - Attended the Littleton Elks Lodge Awards Banquet where Becky Grantham and Justin Comfort were recognized as the Chief Troy Jackson Staff and Firefighter of the Year, respectively. Lori Jackson was in attendance and the Lodge presented her with a check for \$500 as a contribution to the memorial highway project.
 - Advised the Board that his last day will be June 2nd. He will be staying on to assist with the transition to Chief Curtis.
 - We received the temporary CO for Station 15 today.
- Chief Curtis:
 - Staff are keeping a close eye on the federal funding decreases. Chief Richardson has done a great job working on the UASI grant asks. We have had some challenges with the FEMA reimbursements and the National Fire Academy, which has been a constant source of education for us, is closed.
 - Today was a red flag day with the high winds and dry conditions. Chief Burke added that today was our first legitimate red flag day. There was one fire in district which we were able to keep under an acre with a good aggressive response and provided auto aid to Aurora that they were able to keep small. There were also several fires over the weekend that were all handled quickly and efficiently.
- Chief Powell:
 - Week 6 of the Academy and one cadet that was injured last year is back, so the class is now at 21.
 - Wellness began the next set of physicals & cardiac scans. Although not alarming, they are still finding some pretty significant blockage within the 35-year-old age group. Dr. Burns has been encouraged by one of the high level CCTA doctors to do research papers and has been accepted to be a presenter at an upcoming conference using our information and data.
- Local 2086 President Dzengelewski:
 - The membership met recently and passed some good and welfare motions, one of which was to recognize the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, who operate out of Station 12, and made a donation for equipment and PPE.
- Chief Richardson:
 - Last week, completed the 1st Regional ARFF Academy consisting of 23 participants from three fire agencies. Since it was in-house training, enough was saved to cover overtime for the instructors, propane and materials for the class and our own instructors got to teach the 3-day course. The hope is to have an ARFF class for the non-ARFF departments, so they are prepared to handle air crashes in their district.
 - The two dive boats have arrived from Canada and will be placed in service April 1st and 10th at Stations 19 and 31. Four new engines went into service, and they are running out of Stations 11, 19, 31, and 22.
- Director Stahlman:
 - Asked Local President Dzengelewski to thank Roxy for offering career advice to a Paramedic that belongs to his church.
- Director Anderson:
 - Reported that Senate Bill 25-172, our bill that clarifies that special districts may cancel an election in a director district, passed the senate and now goes onto the house.
- Chair Albee:
 - He is getting questions regarding Station 15 having a grand opening or open house. Chief Baker stated that the soft plan is in place but would like to wait for Chief Eckmann to officially announce the plan. Chief Curtis stated that they are working to get the crews into the station in the first week of April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)

1. Chair Albee motioned to convene to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators related to the Fire Chief's Employment Contract. Director Leung seconded the motion. 6 in favor and 0 opposed the motion carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:36 p.m. with no action taken.

NEXT MEETING(S)

The next Regular South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors' meeting will take place on April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

The next Special South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors' meeting will take place on April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Albee adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Attested by: 

Date: Apr 7, 2025