



**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE BOARD
1101 D Street NE
Auburn, Washington
September 14, 2021**

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 5:19p.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 Claude DaCorsi, Member Kerry Garberding, Member Troy Linnell, Member Lynda Osborn, Member David Storaasli, Member Larry Brown.

Staff members present included Chief Brad Thompson, Deputy Chief Dave Larberg, Deputy Chief Rick Olson, CFO Mark Horaski, Legal Counsel Eric Quinn, and Clerk of the Board Stefanie Harper.
- C. Announcements, Proclamations, and Presentations**
1. Deputy Chief Thompson presented to the Board, newly promoted Battalion Chief Matt Kinnee and Captain David Repnik.
- 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 was no public hearings.
- B. Audience Participation**
There was no audience participation.
- C. Update from IAFF Local #1352**
Vice President Jordan Gustafson of IAFF Local # 1352 spoke to the Board regarding the Proclamation on the vaccination mandate. VP Gustafson

provided information on the Locals' stance on the mandate and asked the Board to support the members of the Local.

Discussion ensued.

D. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the Board's consideration.

III. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

Member Backus stated that the Finance Committee met this evening and recommends Claims and Payroll for approval by the Board.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no reports from Board Members.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration

Chief Thompson provided an update to the Board on the current Wildland Deployments.

He updated the Board on the preparation of the upcoming Captains Exam.

Chief Thompson updated the Board of a recent Award that was presented to members of the Fire Marshal's Office.

He provided an updated on the upcoming Accreditation Site Visit.

Chief Thompson provide an updated on a memorial that took place in the City of Pacific on September 11, 2021.

He provided an update on an upcoming event - Battle of the Badges.

Chief Thompson updated the Board on the current numbers of vaccination exemption requests received to date and provided an update on the process.

Discussion ensued.

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 August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting were reviewed.

B. Vouchers

1. Claims

Check numbers 209745 through 209807 in the amount of \$512,928.69, and electronic payments in the amount of \$10,450.00, totaling \$523,378.69, dated September 14, 2021.

2. Payroll

Payroll check numbers 99666 through 99667 in the amount of \$15,140.88, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,808,785.83 for a grand total of \$1,823,926.71 for the period covering August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

There being no further discussion or questions Member Guier moved and Member Storassli seconded the approval of the Minutes, Claims and Payroll as presented above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

A. Adoption of Special Meetings Calendar

CFO Horaski stated there was an error on the budget calendar. November 10th meeting is actually a special meeting to adopt the budgets, property tax levy and FBC. Change was made to the calendar.

There being no further discussion or questions, Member Guier moved and Member Storassli seconded the adoption of the Special Meetings Calendar.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

B. Employment Agreement Template

CFO Horaski stated the template is being utilized as a template to formalize employment terms with senior level non-represented VRFA employees.

There being no further discussion or questions, Member Guier moved and Member DaCorsi seconded the Employment Agreement Template.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

C. Purchase Agreement VRFA Station 31

CFO Horaski stated the sale agreement was between VRFA and the City of Auburn to purchase the Station 31 site (land and buildings).

Discussion ensued.

There being no further discussion or questions, Member Guier moved and Member DaCorsi seconded the Purchase Agreement VRFA Station 31.

CFO Horaski confirmed with Legal Council Eric Quinn that City of Auburn members should preclude themselves from voting. A quorum was confirmed and Member Garberding seconded the Purchase Agreement VRFA Station 31.

MOTION CARRIED UNIMOUSLY 5-0

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There was no information and/or discussion.


VII. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive or closed session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2021



Nancy Backus
Vice - Chair



Stefanie Harper
Clerk of the Board