



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES November 17, 2022

Remotely via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President Stan Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. no flag salute was held due to meeting virtually.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Moffett thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

No roll call or self-introductions were done. There were 23 people in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER – Attorney Ken Bagwell – LE Investigations on victim restraint injuries.

Vice President Gorder introduced Attorney Ken Bagwell. He spoke at the Commissioners Conference. Also spoke at the State Chiefs Conference. Working with local Chiefs and Commissioners and Kitsap area. Talking about a law passed a few years ago but now starting to have an impact on Fire Service. Law Enforcement Safety Enforcement act. Initiative 940 back in 2017 intended to hold LE to higher training standards and significant police accountability issues addressed. Goals were very specific. Any officer involved use of deadly force – situation of independent investigation that occurred. WAC 139.12 specifically talks about criteria. 5 things need to be followed. Criminal Justice Training system tasked to create workgroup for this. Came to be aware of this statute – call from Fire Agency works with HR department about a situation with a PM on scene of where someone died and wants to interview them. Progressed to where there were red flags. Explained the incident and what took place. Law Enforcement involved and there's a death it gets treated as a homicide investigation. Started the ball rolling to get familiar with the statute and to be aware of what to do when such an event happens. Has only happened twice in Kitsap County that he's aware of. Need to reach out to Law Enforcement to find out who will be responding in a situation like this and identify the process of how to handle and work through. Each agency needs to look at how they would handle it. LE investigation report is a public document. Working with Kitsap County Chiefs to develop a uniform policy to handle this situation and will be more than happy to share it. Discussion followed. Commissioner Rankin asked about an issue with St. Michael's Hospital utilizing paramedics.

President Moffett thanked Attorney Ken Bagwell for the great presentation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Gorder to approve the agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF September 22, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? There being no changes, the minutes were passed unanimously as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett

Not present.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Not present.

c) SouthSound 911 – Deborah Grady

Reported at last Board meeting Commissioner McElligott voted in as interim Vice Chair. Derek Young is done with his term the end of this year. Focusing initiatives for 2023 to work with 988 and make sure no gaps with 911. Progress made with 988 provider Volunteers of America. Hope to have crisis professionals on staff as well. Met today at local level with several partner agencies that have CARES or co responder programs. It was a great informal information sharing meeting. SS going to work with Fire Districts when CARES folks go out to home visits to track where they are and do status checks, etc. Follow up meeting in a couple months. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving next week. Staffing is going well. Records over hired by 3. Call takers over hired by 8. Have made progress this year and in a better position as go into 2023.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Commissioner Rankin reported the Chiefs' met on November 3rd. They did not have a guest speaker. They approved their new By-Laws, 2023 Budget and elected Officers: President Jim Sharp, Vice President Zane Gibson, Trustees Dennis Doan, Dustin Morrow and Jon Parkinson. Their next meeting will be January 5, 2023. Commissioner Sutich reported put off to the first of the year the MCI Plan to allow time to go over.

b) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Reported haven't met in a couple weeks. Will be meeting this month. Ran through 2023 Legislative agenda. Email or call with any questions.

c) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

No report.

d) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan

e) Annual Picnic/Potluck – DORMANT - Arlene Dannat

f) Annual Banquet – Mike Cathey

Coming up in 2 weeks. Denise has sent out Invitations and RSVP's. Please get RSVP's submitted as soon as possible.

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

No report.

h) Awards Committee – Margaret O’Harra-Buttz, Arlene Dannat, Tom Sutich

Commissioner Dannat has no report.

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder / Arlene Dannat

Nothing to report. Commissioner Dannat asked if this committee be made dormant until meetings are back in person? Discussion followed. There was agreement.

j) Programs – Kevin Gorder

No report.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

No report.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Reported have some meetings coming up on 7th and 14th.

m) Nominating – Dan Rankin

Reported we have the following nominations:

President:	Stan Moffett
Vice President:	Kevin Gorder
Director 1:	Kathy Kadow

n) Audit – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Margaret O’Harra Buttz

o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Proposed Seminar on DEI – President Stan Moffett

President Moffett stated decided to have Attorney Eric Quinn present this. March would be the best month for him to present. Cost is \$1,500.00. Suggest a Central location to host the training. 2-hour program mid-morning. If in agreement, will work on getting date and location set to get the word out. Commissioner Sutich suggested having the scholarship line item be done away with and moved to Education. Commissioner Mitchell in agreement. Commissioner Wernet asked for clarification on who the DEI training is for. President Moffett stated their department has had some issues and felt it would be good for training. Very broad topic and where going with it. Eric had a roundtable in September or October on this topic and will likely be similar. A lot of layers and potential training to evolve. Discussion followed. Commissioner Noll feels should look into more for the expenditure. Commissioner Sutich moved to move forward pursuing the DEI training in March. Commissioner Gorder seconded the motion. Commissioner Wernet asked that we be specific on what the aspects are and goal of what is being presented. President Moffett stated we could ask Eric to present an outline at the January meeting and decide at that time. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kadow asked if he could get sample policies, tools to add to improve how we handle these issues. Motion and second to the motion were rescinded and wait for January meeting.

b) Potential Time Frame for Meeting in Person – President Stan Moffett

Does the body want to move in that direction or would prefer to stay with Zoom meetings. Commissioner Holm if there is a way to have in person and virtual or have a central meeting location. Discussion followed. Commissioner Noll stated he prefers meeting via Zoom due to being near King County line and traffic, etc. Commissioner Mitchell likes the idea of a central location and Zoom available as well. Commissioner Rankin suggested asking Deborah Grady for SS911 meeting space. Commissioner Dannat stated the Union Building in Puyallup might be a good location as well. President Moffett stated this will be tabled until after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Nominations and Election of Officers – Commissioner Rankin

President: Stan Moffett
Past President: Tom Sutich
Vice President: Kevin Gorder
Director 1: Kathy Kadow
Director 2: Mike Cathey
Director 3: Shawn Jensen
Sargent of Arms: Peter Allison

President Moffett opened the nominations.

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Sutich seconded to approve the slate of officers as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

b) 2023 Proposed Budget

President Moffett stated the proposed 2023 budget was emailed out for everyone to review. There were funds moved from Scholarship and Meeting Refreshments to the Education. Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the 2023 budget as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Discussion on Proposed Location of New Airport in South Pierce

President Moffett reported the are 2 locations proposed in South Pierce County. Great impact due to a very large infrastructure. Commissioner Kadow asked that this be put on the agenda to bring awareness to the Commissioners. 3 sites – 1 is in Thurston County near Rainier area, 1 site is in South Pierce Fire District and the other site is on Meridian in Graham area. Saw a presentation to the PC Council. Letters have been sent to the committee. South Pierce will be writing a letter as well to address public safety issues. Still in the planning stages. DOT website, aviation, look up commercial aviation coordinating commission can get updates. Discussion followed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Kadow – used Magellan health care for EAP – rates going up 767%. 1300/yr going up to \$10,000. Will be looking at other options.

Commissioner Dannat asked has a patient hesitant to call 911 as was transported and billed. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Commissioner Egan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holm seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,
Secretary/Treasurer

Website: <http://www.pcfirecommissioners.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

2022 Meeting Schedule:

January 27, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
February 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
March 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
April 28, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
May 26, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
June 23, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
July 28, 2022 – BBQ/Potluck – Orting Park - Cancelled
August 25, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
September 22, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
October 27, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Conference
November 17, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
December 1, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Awards –

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