



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES April 27, 2023

In Person at SS911 – 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA and Remotely via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

President Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Moffett thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

There were 11 people in attendance and 8 people attending via Zoom for a total of 19 people in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER – N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. Commissioner Kadow asked that meeting refreshments be added to the Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Egan and seconded by Commissioner Dannat to approve the Agenda as amended and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF March 23, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Kadow moved and Commissioner Holm seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Any discussion? There being none, the minutes were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

We still need to make arrangements to have pictures and badges made.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett

Reported healthcare committee is in the black at 99% of the budget. Have been multiple issues that have come up and are switching from Signa back to First Choice. No penalty for switching and it should be a smooth transition., New cards coming out soon. Dental running at 90% of budget. Webinars have been well attended. Next seminar in person at Chelan. Can start prepping for memorial service award submissions. Elevator at WFCA building will be replaced. Splitting with 2 other tenants in the building. HB1636 vol pension has passed. Property tax bill is still on the agenda but is failing. Legislative committee is closed. Lithium battery storage and containment discussions as well as train derailments. Burn building at state academy due to be done May of this year. South Kitsap has 75 red and black jackets to wear with uniforms to surplus out. If interested, contact South Kitsap at 360.871.2411. Fireline first quarter is out.

Name into WFCA by July for representative back to PC to represent Region 7 (Pierce and Thurston County).

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Not present. President Moffett stated Attorney Eric Quinn is working on finalizing his presentation for tomorrow. Following is an update he sent:

As it pertains to elections, a great way to organize your “for” and “against” committee appointments is to (1) delegate authority to the fire chief to make those appointments in the same resolution calling for the particular measure, and (2) state in the ad for the for and against committees that members will be selected in the order that they submit letters of interest. That way, you will run into less allegations of favoritism. And of course, if you do not appoint for and against committees by the deadline, the county will do it for you, if it is possible for the county to do so.

Also, you can issue neutral, fact-based publications in the form of FAQs without running afoul of the PDC regulations.

Also, I am sure that this will be brought up during the legislative update, but we know that the 3% lid law was not passed because the legislature adjourned before it could be.

c) SouthSound 911 – Deborah Grady

Debbie welcomed everyone to SS911. So nice to see people in person. Glad you chose to use SS911. Julie Door and she are giving presentations to Boards, Councils, etc. All are scheduled or will be scheduled. Look forward to connecting with partner agencies. Board of Directors met yesterday, update on 988 initiative. Working on 988 crisis call takers embedded with 911 dispatch call takers. 92% of time able to resolve issue over the phone with no other contact needed. The other piece to that is ops manager is in final interview with first 988 call taker. Last week was volunteer appreciation week. Have 3 community volunteers. Amazing to see their positivity. Hosted a luncheon for them. Approved reimbursement of emergency notification system Code Red. Kirstin Hoffman is liaison for that. There are a few communities using it.

Commissioner Holm reported that Executive Director Grady is very humble. Extremely proud to have her as the 911 Coordinator. One of the highest reviews received. She does an incredible job and we are very lucky to have her. What Three Words app – mapped out every 3 square meters. Random 3 words assigned to each square. Another way to pinpoint location to get help to people in need. Discussion followed. 911 educator on staff that can come out and partner with your agency.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Not present. Governor is looking to call for a special session.

b) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

Reported they have not met. President Moffett asked if we should continue having a standing committee for this or not. Commissioner Rankin stated there are a lot of changes happening. We don't have any say in what they do and don't know that it's necessary to have a representative.

c) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

Welcomed back. Has \$76.00, winner gets \$40.00. Jerry Bickett drew the ticket. Commissioner Egan won the drawing. Have 34 remaining coins out of the 100 bought. Make note to enter facility parking here off of D Street as the entrance off of Pacific Avenue is closed. Hasn't decided if he's going to run again or not.

d) Annual Picnic/Potluck –Arlene Dannat

Reported trying to get ahold of the food truck that we had scheduled last year. Haven't heard back from them yet. Any suggestions on location of picnic? Discussion followed. Agreement that Orting Valley Park was a great location and to hold it there again.

e) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey / Olivia Werner / Kathy Kadow

f) Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Reminder of the DEI Presentation by Attorney Eric Quinn being held tomorrow from 0900-Noon here at SS911. Commissioner Sutich stated since dropped Scholarship off and just Education, would like to see us have some type of seminar every year. Agreement of doing that.

g) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Margaret O'Harra-Buttz, Arlene Dannat, Tom Sutich

h) Membership – Arlene Dannat / Pat McElligott / Kathy Kadow

No report. Commissioner Dannat stated hasn't heard from Commissioner McElligott. Would be good to split up and reach out to each Board of Commissioners.

i) Programs – Kevin Gorder

Stated he could really use help with getting speakers for the meeting. Someone that is relevant, new and fresh. Commissioner Werner stated she can help. Commissioner Kadow stated she had came up with topics a while back, she will try to come up with names and contact information for the topics.

j) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

No report.

k) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

No report.

l) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

President Moffett stated if anyone is interested in working on this committee, let him know.

m) Audit – DORMANT – Olivia Werner

n) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Not present. Commissioner Sutich attended the meeting and Debbie Grady covered it earlier.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Assignments

President Moffett thanked Commissioner Kadow for running the meeting last month in his absence. Need a Pierce County Representative by July. If anyone is interested, let President Moffett know.

Nominating Committee also needs someone as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting refreshments. Thanked Commissioner Kadow for cream puffs she made and brought tonight. Suggestion that each District bring refreshments for a meeting. Commissioner Egan asked for the person doing refreshments, to also bring in a couple options for drinks.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Holm stated CPFR is talking with Pete in Olympia to see something brought up in legislative session for larger Fire Districts whose Board of Commissioners members are becoming more and more involved. Limited to attend 8 meetings per month to get paid for. Looking to get that increased for larger Districts for the next legislation. Not looking to be paid more, just the meeting cap increased. Not sure how they want that broke down – based on AV or population, etc. Not more money per meeting but additional days of reimbursement allowed. Something to work out still and just wanted to let know. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Commissioner Egan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Werner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,
Secretary/Treasurer

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

2023 Meeting Schedule:

January 26, 2023 – Remotely via Zoom

February 23, 2023 – hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

March 23, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

April 27, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

May 25, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

June 22, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

July 27, 2023 – BBQ/Potluck

August 24, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

September 28, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

October 26, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Conference

November 16, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

December 7, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Awards