



Renton Regional Fire Authority

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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Special Meeting

11:00 A.M. – Monday, November 24, 2020

Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Abercrombie called the Special Meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie, Chair (Fire District 25)

Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair (City of Renton)

Marcus Morrell (Fire District 25)

Ryan McIrvin (City of Renton)

Randy Corman (City of Renton)

Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)

Administrative Staff Present:

Acting Fire Chief Roy Gunsolus, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Senior Finance Analyst Jennifer Zhou, IT Technician Wyatt Humphreys and Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings.

Public Present:

Sanjeev Yonzon.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to excuse the absent Board Member from the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

At 11:04 a.m., Board Member Meikle joined.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of New Civil Service Commissioner

Assistant Chief Gunsolus introduced the new Civil Service Commissioner, Sanjeev Yonzon. His first meeting was cancelled, but the RFA is looking forward to having him start next month. Board Chair Abercrombie welcomed Mr. Yonzon.

Resolution 2020-06 Property Tax Levy 2021

With the adoption of Resolution 2020-06, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes that an increase in the regular property tax levy is required. This resolution authorizes a levy increase of \$235,307, which is a 1.3% increase from the previous year.

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A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to adopt Resolution 2020-06, authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy for 2020 in the amount of \$235,307, which is a 1.3% increase from the previous year. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2020-07: Certifying Property Tax Levy and Adopting Operating Budget 2021

With the adoption of Resolution 2020-07, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority adopts the preliminary 2021 budget of \$43,442,966 and establishes the 2021 tax levy based upon the estimated assessed valuation of property within the boundaries of the Regional Fire Authority based upon information from the King County Assessor's Office.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to adopt Resolution 2020-07. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2020-08: Substantial Need

The rate of inflation (Implicit Price Deflator) for 2020 is 0.60152 percent. Since the current IPD is less than 1%, RCW 84.55.0101 authorizes the Board, upon a finding of substantial need, to approve Resolution 2020-08 by a super majority vote to establish a limit factor of up to 101%.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve Resolution 2020-08 by a super majority vote to establish a limit factor of up to 101%. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2020-09 Benefit Charge 2021

With the adoption of Resolution 2020-09, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes the 2021 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$17,400,000 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2021 Schedule for Benefit Charges."

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to adopt Resolution 2020-09. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Resolution 2020-10 Establishing Emergency Medical Service Charges

Pursuant to RCW 52.12.131, the RFA is authorized to establish reasonable fees to cover its costs in providing emergency medical services. Renton Regional Fire Authority provides emergency medical services that include basic life support services, advanced life support services and ambulance transportation pursuant to its authority under Title 52 RCW.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve the resolution for emergency medical service charges and authorize the Fire Chief to sign. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Updated Fee for Transport & GEMT Authorized Signer

The Governance Board had previously authorized the Fire Chief to sign the agreements associated with Fee for Transport and GEMT. During the enrollment process, the RFA is required to have a consistent authorized signer on all documents to avoid application rejection. In lieu of change in the Fire Chief position, the RFA asks to have the Chief Administration Officer be the authorized signer on behalf of the Fire Chief.

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A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair Pérez and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to authorize the Chief Administration Officer to sign Fee for Transport and GEMT enrollment packet documentation.
MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 30, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., Governance Board Special Meeting, Video Conference
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., Governance Board Special Meeting, Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Kerry Abercrombie

[Kerry Abercrombie \(Dec 11, 2020 11:19 PST\)](#)

Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair

Dudley Jackson

Dudley Jackson, Board Secretary







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