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## MINUTES

### RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, June 10, 2024

Fire Station #13 – 18002 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Renton

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### CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Abercrombie called the regular meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

#### Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie, Chair (Fire District 25)  
James Alberson, Vice Chair (City of Renton)  
Sean Cook (Fire District 25)  
Valerie O'Halloran (City of Renton)  
Ryan McIrvine (City of Renton)  
Andrew Schneider (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

#### Governance Board Members Not Present:

Marcus Morrell (Fire District 25)

#### Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief Dan Alexander, Communications Manager Katie Lewis, Site Reliability Engineers Wyatt Humphreys and Javier Esparza, Board Secretary Samantha Vergara, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

#### Public Present:

Kyle Dougherty, Vicky Dougherty, Bill Dougherty

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alberson and **SECONDED** by Board Member O'Halloran to excuse the absent board member from this meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Chief Heitman presented the "Minutes Matter" award to Kyle Dougherty and acknowledged Alexa Coyle who could not be present. Their quick action helped save an individual whose sailboat had capsized in Lake Washington.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes from the May 13, 2024, regular meeting and the approval of vouchers.

Regarding the vouchers, Board Chair Abercrombie inquired about the structure demolition and whether that project was completed. DC Alexander confirmed it is.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Alberson and **SECONDED** by Board Member McIrvine to approve the consent agenda for June 10, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

### **SIGNING OF VOUCHERS**

The governance board members signed the voucher approval letter for June 10, 2024.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no board committee reports.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Heitman presented his report.

At the conclusion of the report, Board Chair O'Halloran inquired about the main takeaway from the DESS session the Chief attended. Chief Heitman noted it was concerning battery energy storage systems. Both Chief Heitman and Fire Marshal Barton responded and there was ongoing discussion about the safety concerns of a fuel-controlled fire emitting extremely high heat that burns for an extended period of time. Fire Marshal Barton is meeting with a company at the end of June that has found a location in Renton to put a battery energy storage system.

Board Members O'Halloran, Alberson and McIrvine, all council members, discussed that they had voted on a moratorium within Renton. Fire Marshal Barton shared additional information.

Board Chair Abercrombie inquired about the strategic plan and the 5 noted goals. Chief Heitman responded.

### **DIVISION REPORTS**

Each of the division managers presented an overview of their respective division reports.

After DC DeSmith presented his report on EMS/Health & Safety, Board Member Alberson and Board Chair Abercrombie asked about the "Distracted Driver" event at Hazen High School. DC DeSmith and DC Seaver responded.

Once Fire Marshal Barton presented her report, Board Member O'Halloran commented that Seattle City Council passed an ordinance on abandoned buildings and mandatory demolition after a certain time period, inquiring if this would be the case in Renton. Chief Heitman responded, stating this may be better served under the CED and building code. Fire Marshal Barton provided more information.

Board Member Alberson inquired about the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and if Renton RFA would send out notices to businesses on taking precautions and preparing for possible incidents with fireworks.

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Fire Marshal Barton and Chief Heitman responded. Board Member McIrvn asked about storage of confiscated fireworks and Fire Marshal Barton replied.

Board Chair Abercrombie asked about any key speakers during the distracted driving event and DC Seaver responded.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Thers was no new business.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Board Member O'Halloran recognized the amazing career of Lora Ueland and congratulated Lora as she retires from Valley Communications. Chief Heitman recognized Lora for her service and for making an impact on the 911 service for the entire area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


There was no executive session.

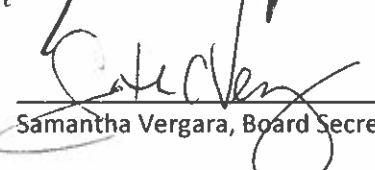
**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Monday, June 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, June 24, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, July 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Renton)/Video Conference

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Abercrombie adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

  
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Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair

  
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Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary