

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

July 1, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Location: Remote Via Zoom

Board of Directors

*Nicole Johnson (Division 2) - President, Randy Mendosa (Division 3) - Vice-President,
Rene Campbell (Division 1) - Director, Elena David (Division 4) - Director
David Rosen (Division 5) - Director*

In order to meet the State required Shelter in Place mandate, this Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire Protection District was held via remote access using Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special session of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire District was called to order by President Nicole Johnson at 5:30 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

President Johnson called for attendance and the following were present via a web hosted meeting: President Nicole Johnson, Vice President Randy Mendosa, Director Rene Campbell, Director Elena David and Director David Rosen. Other staff members included Chief McDonald and Board Secretary Schuette.

The meeting continued with a quorum.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Johnson provided notice and requested public comments, then waited for responses.

The following members of the public commented:

Neal Narayan former employee, property owner in McKinleyville

Scott Gordinier Vice President of the Local

Glen Hays via a chat comment

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Consider Approval of Limited Term and Interim Assignments: Chief McDonald reviewed the staff note. The Chief pointed out that he is currently on restricted duty, therefore 24 hour duty staffing is falling to BC Campbell.

Director Campbell had clarifying questions about the length of the limited term and interim assignments and the cost associated, as well as clarification of the “demotion” of the Battalion Chief position.

The following members of the public commented:

Marcus Lillard, Fire Captain

Nate Padula, Fire Captain

Neal Narayan former employee, property owner in McKinleyville

Luke Walker, Fire Captain

Glen Hays via chat

There was a lengthy discussion which included comments from both the public, staff and the Directors.

With no further public comments, President Johnson called for a motion.

It was moved to:

1. Promote a Fire Captain to Interim Battalion Chief
2. Authorize the hiring of a limited term firefighter to back fill to maintain minimum staffing requirements.
3. Direct staff to place a review of the Interim positions on the August agenda

Motion: Rosen; Second: Mendosa

Roll Call: Ayes; Campbell, David, Mendosa, and Rosen. **Abstain;** Johnson
Motion Carries

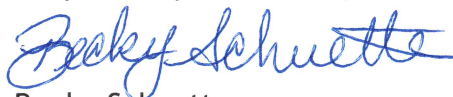
6. ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Motion: Campbell; Second: David

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **July 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schuette
Clerk of the Board