

# KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.16 7220 NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street KENMORE, WA 98028

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# **MINUTES**

# March 12, 2019

# **SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## at Northshore Fire Department's Headquarters Station 51

### I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Suzanne Greathouse called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Persons in attendance were Commissioners Ron Gehrke, Don Ellis, Suzanne Greathouse, and Dave Maehren. Commissioner Rick Verlinda was present via conference phone. Also present was Fire Chief Jim Torpin and Board Secretary Kate Hansen.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## III. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

### 3.1 Retention of Legal Counsel to Replace Inslee Best

The board discussed options for legal counsel to replace Inslee Best.

Commissioner Ellis moved the appointment of Scott Missall and Associates of Ogden Murphy Wallace; and that the Fire Chief execute the contract and have representation present at the next meeting one week from today. Commissioner Gehrke seconded. The board discussed. Commissioner Maehren proposed an amendment to accept them as interim counsel. Commissioner Ellis did not accept the amendment. The board discussed further. The motion passed all in favor.

The board discussed additional options if Ogden Murphy Wallace is not available for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The board came to consensus that Commissioner Greathouse will reach out to another firm at her discretion for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting if associates from Ogden Murphy Wallace are not available.

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### 4.1 Executive Session

Commissioner Ellis expressed concern at entering into Executive Session without legal counsel present. Commissioner Maehren expressed a desire to be heard in Executive Session with no action to be taken. The board discussed.

Commissioner Ellis moved to terminate the Executive Session. Commissioner Gehrke seconded. The board discussed. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Maehren and Verlinda opposing.

Commissioner Maehren will send his questions to Commissioner Greathouse and the other Board members to share with legal counsel in preparation for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27PM

### NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting is for March 19, 2019

Attachments: Agenda and Fire Chief's Report

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RICK VERLINDA**, Member

RON GEHRKE, Member

DON ELLIS, Member

SUZANNE GREATHOUSE, Chair

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DAVID MAEHREN, Member

ATTEST

**KATE HANSEN,** Secretary King County Fire Protection District No. 16 Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 19, 2019

Northshore Fire Department

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