



## KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.16

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### MINUTES

March 23, 2021

### **SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS at Northshore Fire Department's Headquarters Station 51 Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

#### **I. OPEN NORTHSHORE MEETING**

##### **1.1 Roll Call**

Chair Rick Webster called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Persons in attendance for Northshore Fire were Commissioners Rick Verlinda, Josh Pratt, Don Ellis, Rick Webster, and Dave Maehren. Also present was Deputy Chief Doug McDonald, Legal Counsel Matt Paxton, CAO Joan Montegary and Board Secretary Amy Oakley. Also present were 30 members of the public.

Fire Chief Greg Ahearn joined the meeting at 5:50PM.

#### **II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:15PM until 5:45PM to discuss matters related collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b). The Executive Session was extended by ten minutes until 5:55PM.

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

3.1 No public comments were submitted.

#### **IV. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

##### **4.1 Merger Meeting with Labor Update**

- Commissioners Verlinda and Webster met with the Executive Board of Northshore Fire Local 2459 on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the merger.
- Legal Counsel, Matt Paxton, provided clarification on matters that could be discussed in an open meeting.

##### **4.2 Merger Public Information Materials Clarification**

- Commissioner Maehren discussed the Board's obligation to provide accurate information to the public on ballot measures and suggested adding the challenges to the merger to the public information available.

- Commissioner Ellis requested a review of the financial documents available to the public with financial consultant, Tom Broetje.
- Commissioner Verlinda requested legal counsel input on moving forward with public information efforts based on the motion passed at the previous meeting.
- Legal Counsel, Matt Paxton, referenced the Board's procedures for reopening a motion with a majority support of the Board, and suggested reopening a motion only as it relates to Special Meeting agenda Item 4.2: Merger Public Information Materials Clarification.

***Commissioner Ellis moved to reopen the Merger Public Information Materials Clarification. Commissioner Maehren seconded. The Board discussed. Commissioner Ellis withdrew his motion.***

- Legal Counsel, Matt Paxton, identified a possible action item identified in the Special Meeting Notice related to Merger Public Information Materials Clarification, and stated that the District would be acting within the Open Public Meeting Law Board to reopen an issue so long as the item is limited to how it relates to Item 4.2 on Special Meeting Agenda.
- The Board discussed the mailing of public information pamphlets as it relates to the motion passed at the last meeting, and the timeframe for educating the public on the measure. Ballots will be mailed on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Commissioner Verlinda requested legal counsel's interpretation of motion passed last week as it relates to mailing pamphlets.
- Legal Counsel, Matt Paxon, responded that it is the Board's prerogative to enforce and interpret the motion passed and to decide if there was ambiguity to what the motion meant. It can be clarified at this meeting as it relates to Public Information Materials Clarification.

***Commissioner Marhren moved that the Board clarify that the motion at our previous meeting was intended to be temporary until the Board could engage with Labor, and we have done that and at this time we should resume our public education duty. Commissioner Webster seconded. The Board discussed. The motion passed 3-2. Commissioners Webster, Maehren, and Ellis voted to approve. Commissioners Verlinda and Pratt voted to oppose.***

#### 4.3 Next Joint Meeting Agenda Items

- Financial Consultant Presentation and Q&A

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The joint meeting adjourned at 6:32PM.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner's meeting is for April 6, 2021.

Attachments: Agenda, Public Notice

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Abstain

**RICK VERLINDA**, Member

**JOSH PRATT**, Member

Electronically signed- Don Ellis

**DON ELLIS**, Member

Electronically signed- Rick Webster

**RICK WEBSTER**, Member

Electronically signed- David C. Maehren

**DAVID MAEHREN**, Member

**ATTEST**

Amy Oakley

**Amy Oakley**, Secretary

King County Fire Protection District No. 16

Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2021.

**Board Secretary**

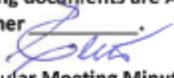
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**From:** Board Secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** Electronic Signatures - Minutes Approved 4/20/2021  
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Good evening Commissioners,

Attached please find the minutes approved at last night's regular meeting.

At your earliest availability today, please respond with your electronic signature using the following verbiage:

The following documents are Approved and Electronically Signed this 22 day of April, 2021, by Commissioner 

- Regular Meeting Minutes 3/16/2021
- Special Meeting Minutes 3/23/2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes 4/6/2021

**From:** [Richard Webster](#)  
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The following documents are Approved and Electronically Signed this 21st day of April, 2021, by Commissioner Rick Webster.

- Regular Meeting Minutes 3/16/2021
- Special Meeting Minutes 3/23/2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes 4/6/2021

**From:** [Dave Maehren](#)  
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**The following documents are Approved and Electronically Signed this 21st day of April, 2021, by Commissioner David C. Maehren.**

- **Regular Meeting Minutes 3/16/2021**
- **Special Meeting Minutes 3/23/2021**
- **Regular Meeting Minutes 4/6/2021**



## Northshore Fire Department Board of Commissioners

Headquarters Station 7220 NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street, Kenmore, WA

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### Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:00PM

Meeting held virtually, via Zoom

Public Comment must be submitted electronically prior to the meeting.  
To submit public comment, please see instructions at the end of the agenda.

To attend this meeting live, click the link below and enter the ID & Password provided.  
A recording of this meeting will also be posted in AV Capture.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81763010482?pwd=czBKOGdjWnYwYU1MYmZLMkdBc1Mwdz09>

Call in to Zoom Meeting at:

253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 817 6301 0482

Passcode: 588152

**I. Open Meeting**

1.1 Roll Call

**II. Executive Session**

2.1 Executive session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b)

**III. Public Comment**

3.1 Public Comment

**IV. Board Discussion and Possible Action Items**

4.1 Merger Meeting With Labor Update

4.2 Merger Public Information Materials Clarification

4.3 Next Meeting Agenda Items

**V. Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting: April 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM



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To ensure your comments are received and read at the proper meeting, your email must include:

- Date & Time of the meeting your comments are intended for
- Your name
- Whether or not you live in the city limits of Lake Forest Park or Kenmore
- Agenda Item and/or subject your comments refer to

Emails without this information may not be read at the meeting. Three minutes are allowed for comment. And, in accordance with normal procedure, messages of an overly repetitive or inappropriate (vulgarity) nature may be declined to be read at the discretion of the meeting Chair.

Please check the District's [AV Capture](#) for the most up-to-date information about individual meetings. Questions? Email Board Secretary Amy Oakley at [boardsecretary@northshorefire.com](mailto:boardsecretary@northshorefire.com).



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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

DATED March 19, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 16, will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021, at 5:00PM. Meeting agenda posted separately.