

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
2 **REGULAR MEETING**  
3 **January 13, 2022**  
4 **VIRTUAL MEETING**  
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6 Effective June 30, 2021, the Governor's guidance permitted open public meetings to operate  
7 in person without regard to capacity limitations. However, the lifting of the restrictions was  
8 not, as of June 30, 2021, accompanied by a lifting of the State of Emergency or  
9 a modification of Proclamation 20.28-15. Due to these factors, the regular meeting of the  
10 EF&R Board of Directors was held virtually, using a remote meeting platform.

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12 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)  
13 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)  
14 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)  
15 Board Director Kali Clark (City of Sammamish)  
16 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)  
17 Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)  
18 Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)  
19 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)  
20 Fire Chief Jeff Clark  
21 Deputy Director Jamie Formisano  
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23 **AUDIENCE:** Commissioner Don Smith (Fire District 10)  
24 Alt. Director Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)  
25 General Counsel Megan Stark  
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27 **ABSENT:** Board Director Matt Talbot (Fire District 38) (*Excused*)  
28 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch (*Excused*)  
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30 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll call.  
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.  
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34 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

35 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR MORAN, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL TO:  
36 Approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

- 37 1. Agenda Bill 2022-01 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)  
38 2. Agenda Bill 2022-02 (Write-Off Request)  
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40 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.  
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42 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 43 • COVID-19: Due to the Omicron variant there will be no changes in office or community  
44 meeting guidance before March. Numerous employees have been testing positive and  
45 on average 15 personnel are out per day. The Agency concluded EF&R's COVID-19  
46 Booster Operations in late December. Vaccines delivered to 856 individual patients.  
47 • Firefighter Hiring Process: Staff successfully completed a three-week recruitment  
48 process for firefighters. Twenty-five conditional offers were given, and we are awaiting  
49 on the psychological screening process prior to final offers being sent out with the  
50 academy start in February.

- 51 • PFAS: The January Executive Committee has been cancelled we will meet again in  
52 February. Bob Warren, Department of Ecology, reached out to EF&R late last week to  
53 notify us that he has been directed to start classifying PFAS sites in the Model Toxics  
54 Control Act (MTCA) process. I am actively working with our legal and consulting team to  
55 determine how this will affect our current strategy. The pending classification in MTCA  
56 could prevent us from receiving the \$750,000 that DOE has earmarked for this project in  
57 2022.
- 58 • Wildfire Prevention Staffing request: The FAC approved moving the item to the EF&R  
59 Board meeting for consideration. The staffing request will be on the February agenda.
- 60 • Fire Cadet Program: EF&R is about to embark on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Cadet Class, the EF&R  
61 website will be updated with recruit information.
- 62 • Introduced and welcomed Deputy Chief Doug McDonald, who is primarily assigned to  
63 Mercer Island Fire operations.
- 64 • The Snoqualmie Tribe notified EF&R of the approved grant for a fully equipped Aid car  
65 that will service the Snoqualmie Tribe area. The Board will be notified when a ribbon  
66 cutting ceremony is scheduled. Discussion ensued.
- 67 • EF&R has a total of four recruits graduating next week on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Two from the  
68 South Training Consortium and two from the North Training Consortium. The South will  
69 be live streaming the graduation for those who wish to watch. EF&R executive team will  
70 be represented at both graduations to welcome the newest members of the EF&R  
71 family.
- 72 • Discussed the Wildland Prevention staffing request in preparation for the February Board  
73 meeting.

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75 **REGULAR BUSINESS:** None.

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77 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 78 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.  
79 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.

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81 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 4:18 p.m., the Board of Directors moved into Executive Session  
82 for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(1) to discuss litigation with legal counsel. The  
83 Board of Directors returned to the regular session at 4:38 p.m. No action was taken.

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85 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 86 • District 10 welcomed new Commissioner Ray Mullen this past week.  
87 • Director Hall stated he is looking forward to moving into a primary role at EF&R.  
88 • Director Gothelf thanked the City of Issaquah for their assistance during the snowstorm  
89 and for being a true partner.

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91 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 92 • EF&R Recruit Graduation – January 20, 2022, *link to stream the event will be sent*  
93 • EF&R Agenda Review – January 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (Virtual) (FD10)  
94 • Warrant Review – February 10, 2022 (FD10 to schedule with [ap@esf-r.org](mailto:ap@esf-r.org))  
95 • EF&R Board Meeting – February 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (Virtual)  
96 • Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet – Postponed  
97 • 2022 Legislative Day - TBD

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99 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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