



Drexel Heights Fire District

5950 S. Cardinal Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85746

“Honoring the Past Protecting the Future”

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes October 22, 2021

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Bynum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Board Members present: Gary Bynum, Laura Dailey, Douglas Fink and Charles Mendonca.

With four Board Members attending, a quorum is established.

Board Members absent: James Bertrand

Staff Members present: Douglas Chappell, District Administrator & Fire Chief

IV. Report from the Fire Chief

Chief Chappell provided a written report, which is hereby made a part these minutes. Chief Chappell reported that the District is a recipient of a grant from Tohono O’odham Gaming Grant program, and Chief Chappell handed out the agenda schedule for the AFDA Conference in January.

V. Pending Business

- A. Discussion and possible direction to staff only during Study Session and report of the Fire Chief. The Board met in Study Session format and the following items were discussed: Board Meeting format, monthly and weekly reports, Board meeting agendas and supporting documents, FY 2023 budget priorities and preparation for FY 2023 budget development, current shared services programs including the VECC and COVID related issues updates.

Various directions were provided to staff by the Board concerning:

- The FY 2023 budget development schedule provided by staff was acceptable.
- The Board was not interested in a strategic plan for the FY 2023 budget.

- Concerning the Board meeting agendas, they were interested in putting two items per page in the future. Several members will pick up their weekly packets in advance of Board meetings.
- The Board understands that there will likely be some special meetings if/when the COVID vaccine mandates are announced.

VI. Future Agenda Items

The Board did not have any items at this time.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Bynum, second by Ms. Dailey, motion approved.
(4-0) Mr. Bynum adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, November 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ

Submitted by: _____
James Bertrand, Clerk of the Board