

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting

July 8, 2026

Minutes

In attendance:

Board Members – Mike Tomasheck, Buddy Lowrey, Mike Rossow, Richard Lennox

Absent: Joe Dolezal

Administration – Chief Olson, Chief Ternan, Stephanie Slorey, Misty Henning

Visitors – Jason Shepherd, Brian Meyers

Vice-Chair Tomasheck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 6A.

Public Input – None

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The Following voucher/warrants/electronic payments were approved for payment:

July 8, 2026,	Ck# 9835-9861	\$59,683.83
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Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Facility Update – Tabled until July 22 meeting

Paramedic Testing

Chief Olson and Lt. Shepherd reviewed the two candidates who were invited to participate in the Chief's interview process. The top candidate has been extended a conditional offer of employment. Both candidates have been scheduled to complete medical physical examinations and psychological evaluations as part of the pre-employment process. Chief Olson stated that if the EMS Division Chief position is filled through an internal promotion, hiring both candidates would allow the department to fill all resulting vacancies simultaneously. He noted that doing so would also reduce training costs by allowing the candidates to complete portions of the training process together. Discussion followed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Rossow made a motion to move into executive session at 5:17 p.m. for fifteen (15) minutes as provided for in RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. After fifteen (15) minutes, the executive session ended and Vice-Chair Tomasheck moved back into the regular session at 5:32 p.m.

Vice-Chair Tomasheck read into the record "Findings of Fact and Conclusions – Accommodation Request" (See Attached).

Based on the foregoing findings, the Board determines that the requested accommodation cannot be granted.

Commissioner Rossow made a motion to direct the Fire Chief to deny the requested accommodation referenced above and offer options to the employee in terms of next steps, which include the utilization of accrued leave, and / or utilizing any applicable federal or state-provided leave. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

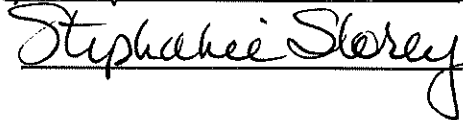
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Adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:



Vice-Chair Tomasheck



Board Secretary

Attached File:



Board Findings of
Fact and Conclusions_