

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 27, 2010

Minutes

President Rickards called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Directors Augustine, Brainard (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Clark, Johnston, Jackman, Rickards, and Winter

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Division Chiefs Butcher, Croucher, and Ranalli, Battalion Chiefs Converse, Lannon, and Menshek, Fire Marshal Larsen, Public Information Officer Villarreal, Business Services Manager O'Dell, and Recording Secretary Roos

Public Communications: Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Johnson, member of the Firefighters Local 1434, and employee of San Miguel Fire District for 7 years, addressed the Board of Directors. He noted he is a director at a similar District. He addressed the Board of Directors regarding the Director Policy Manual and Director's benefits.

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of May 13, 2010: Upon a motion by Director Winter, second by Director Clark, and unanimous vote, the May 13, 2010 minutes were approved.
2. Approval of Agenda: By Board consensus, the Agenda was approved with the following changes: Table Agenda Items 4 to a future meeting; remove Agenda Item 5; and move Agenda Item 6 to after Agenda Item 2. Director Clark noted that Reports should only be included on the Agenda for the first Regular Meeting of each month.

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2010 was posted at the District Headquarters on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Organizational Restructure: Director Jackman provided an overview of the memorandum from the Finance Committee to the Board of Directors. President Rickards noted there were 32 Request to Speak forms submitted regarding Agenda Item 3, and each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Board. The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Agenda Item 3:

Firefighter/Paramedic Doug De Brauwere, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Firefighter/Paramedic Darren Young, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Hull, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Jackie Luster, District resident.

Ellen Bertelsen, District resident.

Linda Larsen, District resident.

Charlene Ayers, District resident.

Buzz Block, District resident.

Kandy Franklin, Crest Fire Safe Council President.

Captain Barry Alsobrook, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Engineer Jeff Lindgren, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Theresa McKenna, District resident.

Engineer Dave Pietrczak, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Captain Rodd Blunt, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Captain Andy Lawler, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Captain Justin Fuller, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Battalion Chief Larry Converse, member of the Fire Management Association.

Captain Kevin Clark, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Captain Alan Laatsch, President of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jon Hamblin, member of the Firefighters Local 1434.

Lorri Bruner, District resident.

Diane Adkins, District resident.

Holland Bean, District resident.

Johnny Gonzalez, owner of Environmental Land Management.

Doug Perry, District resident.

Matt Cullen, District resident.

Mike Blood, District resident.

Miriam Raftery, Editor of East County Magazine.

Battalion Chief Jeff Lannon, President of the Fire Management Association.

Mike Powell, Labor Negotiator.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting for a short recess at 8:05 p.m.

President Rickards reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

President Rickards briefly addressed the audience about Agenda Item #3.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 8:26 p.m.

6. Closed Session – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (§54957)

President Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:16 p.m., and reported that direction was given.

3. Organizational Restructure: Upon a motion by Director Brainard, second by Director Augustine, and unanimous vote, a motion to not accept the Finance Committee's District reorganization recommendations passed.

President Rickards read an official message from the Board of Directors: The Board, in Closed Session, has given direction to the Fire Chief to establish a team of Board, Labor, and Staff representatives to identify clear and reasonable alternatives to bridge the financial deficit we are in now, and to avoid layoffs and demotions in a collaborative, cooperative and expeditious manner.

President Rickards adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:21 p.m.

7. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard and Jackman. Employee Organization: Firefighters Local 1434.
8. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard, and Jackman. Employee Organization: Fire Safety Professionals.
9. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard, and Jackman. Employee Organization: Fire Management Association.
10. Closed Session – Conference With Labor Negotiator (§54957.6): Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez and Directors Augustine, Brainard, and Jackman. Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees: Division Chief, Business Services Manager, Administrative Specialist/Finance, Public Information Officer, and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor.

President Rickards reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:54 p.m., and reported that direction was given for Agenda Items 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Board President Rickards adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Roos

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Recording Secretary