

**Whatcom County Fire District #21
Station 61 – Blaine
9408 Odell Street, Blaine WA 98230
7:30 pm
January 26, 2017
Special Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bosman called the special Whatcom County Fire District #21 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting for January 26, 2017 to order at 7:30 p.m. at Station 61 – 9408 Odell Street, Blaine, WA 98230.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Chairman Rich Bosman; Vice-Chairman Larry McPhail; Fire Commissioners John Crawford and Bruce Ansell; Fire Chief William Pernet; Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester; Division Chief Henry Hollander; District Attorney Seth Woolson.

Commissioner Berkeley was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

Resolution 2017-01 Censure of NWFR Fire Commissioner Dean Berkeley: Chairman Bosman explained that censure does not entail prohibiting someone from speaking, nor does it take away their right to speak publicly, but rather it is a form of disapproval or verbal admonishment.

Chairman Bosman recited Resolution 2017-01 Censure of NWFR Fire Commissioner Dean Berkeley in its entirety.

Commissioner Ansell apologized for the comments made to the public by Commissioner Berkeley during the Thursday, January 19, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Ansell stated that there are no other avenues the remainder of Board can pursue to change Commissioner Berkeley's actions. Commissioner Ansell regrets that Commissioner Berkeley is not in attendance to hear the resolution in person. Commissioner Ansell further stated that members of the district as well as the Board are expected to perform to the districts' high expectations and that he is completely supportive of the resolution.

Vice-Chairman McPhail and Commissioner Crawford echoed Commissioner Ansell's opinions. Commissioner Crawford apologized for Commissioner Berkeley's attitude, specifically toward members of the audience, including district personnel, during the Thursday, January 19, 2017 NWFR Fire Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner McPhail noted that there are fire commissioner guidelines put into place that the entire Board is expected to uphold. Commissioner McPhail further noted that because fire commissioners are an elected position, there is nothing additionally the Board is able to do to change Commissioner Berkeley's conduct.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman McPhail moved to approve Resolution 2017-01 Censure of NWFR Fire Commissioner Dean Berkeley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business Vice-Chairman McPhail moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chairman Bosman and approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennie Sand, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Rich Bosman, Chairman

Larry McPhail , Vice-Chairman

John Crawford, Commissioner

Bruce Ansell, Commissioner

Chief Pernet, Board Secretary