

**Whatcom County Fire District #21  
via Zoom Meeting  
12:40 pm  
September 10, 2020  
Special Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ansell called the special Whatcom County Fire District #21 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting for September 10, 2020, to order at 12:44 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

This special meeting was scheduled to enable the Board to interview potential replacements for retired Fire Commissioner Larry McPhail.

Since the special meeting is being streamed live via Zoom Meeting, Chairman Ansell requested that the other candidates refrain from watching the other candidate interviews.

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Chairman Bruce Ansell; Commissioners, John Crawford, and Scott Fischer; Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen.

Vice-Chairman Bosman requested to be excused due to a work conflict.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Due to Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28 issued during the evening of March 24, District 21 was prohibited from providing a location for the public to attend this meeting. Members of the public were able to hear the entire meeting via Zoom Meeting, except for executive session, but were not allowed to speak or provide public comment.

**INTERIM FIRE COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWS**

The Board conducted individual interviews for the interim fire commissioner position #5.

- 12:45 p.m. - Chet Renskers
- 1:20 p.m. - Dan Daniels

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Ansell recessed the meeting for an Executive Session, per RCW 42.30.110(h) *“to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public”* at 1:34 p.m. for ten minutes until 1:43 p.m. Action is not expected to be taken.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Ansell called the special meeting back into open session at 1:45 p.m. Action will be taken as a result of the executive session.

## **RECESS**

Chairman Ansell called for a short recess until 2:00 p.m.

## **MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Ansell called the special meeting back into open session at 2:00 p.m.

- 2:00 p.m. - Kimberly McMurray

## **RECESS**

Chairman Ansell called for a recess until 3:15 p.m.

## **MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Ansell called the special meeting back into open session at 3:15 p.m.

- 3:15 p.m. - Jennifer Schmidt

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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## **MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Ansell called the special meeting back into open session at 3:46 p.m. Action will not be taken as a result of the executive session.

Chairman Ansell stated that they had interviewed four outstanding candidates for the open fire commissioner position. Chairman Ansell thanked the candidates for their participation. Appreciation letters will be drafted for all participants and signed during the next meeting.

## **NOMINATIONS**

The appointed fire commissioner will fulfill the number 5 position with the term ending November 23, 2021. The commissioner will be sworn in during the Thursday, September 17, 2020, regular meeting via Zoom Meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Crawford moved to approve Kimberly McMurray as Interim Fire Commissioner Position #5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fischer and approved 3-0.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Board Secretary Jennie Sand conducted a roll call vote for the nominations.  
Commissioner Fischer – Kimberly McMurray

Commissioner Crawford – Kimberly McMurray  
Chairman Ansell – Kimberly McMurray

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business Commissioner Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

**ATTEST:**

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Bruce Ansell, Chairman

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John Crawford, Commissioner

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Scott Fischer, Commissioner

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Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief