

**Whatcom County Fire District #21
via Zoom Meeting
9:00 am
March 27, 2021
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 March 27, 2021, to order at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Chairman Bruce Ansell; Vice-Chairman Rich Bosman; Commissioners John Crawford, and Scott Fischer; Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen; Attorney Richard Davis.

Commissioner Kimberly McMurray was excused due to the recent loss of a family member. The Board extended their condolences.

NEW BUSINESS

Further Participation in the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Process: Chairman Ansell noted that the Board will move directly into the executive session to discuss some recently learned background information and what direction this Board is going to provide to the RFA Planning Committee as far as further participation in the RFA process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ansell recessed the meeting for an Executive Session, *per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)* "to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency."

And;

per RCW 42.30.110(g) "to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee."

at 9:03 a.m. for at least thirty minutes until 9:33 a.m. Chief Van der Veen and Attorney Richard Davis remained for the executive session.

Chairman Ansell extended the executive session at 9:33 p.m. for another thirty minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Ansell called the regular meeting back into open session at 10:14 a.m.

Chairman Ansell stated that the Board has discussed the issue of further participation in the RFA and has directed the RFA Planning Committee to attend the Monday, March 30, 2021, RFA Planning Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. and get clarification on the concerns that District 4 has raised in writing and other discussions that the Board has heard informally. The Committee will follow the agenda that has been disseminated to the RFA Planning Committee for the upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business Chairman Ansell Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fischer and approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Bruce Ansell, Chairman

Rich Bosman, Vice-Chairman

John Crawford, Commissioner

Scott Fischer, Commissioner

Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief