



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**DATE/TIME:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:01PM

**LOCATION:** Via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Directors: Vice-President Kevin Padian, Secretary  
Janice Kosel, Director Don Dommer, Director Julie Stein  
Staff: GM Bill Hansell, Chief Michael Pigoni, EPC Johnny Valenzuela

**ABSENT:** President Larry Nagel

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Vice President Padian called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and confirmed the roll call.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice President Padian congratulated all the volunteers and EP Coordinator Valenzuela on the successful evacuation drill. Director Stein commented on new faces attending the meeting. Catherine de Neergaard commented on the evacuation drill. Vida Doro requested the number of attendees to the meeting. Anthony Knight asked about pulling a consent item.

### 3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS (0:08:15):

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Kosel/Stein: Motion to Amend the Consent Calendar to remove the Minutes of 02/26/2022 and 03/09/2022 from item 3a
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Kosel, Padian, Stein Nays: None Absent: Nagel
Motion Passed 4-0-1 <b>Video Time Stamped: 0:12:55</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Kosel/Stein: Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar except for item 3e
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Kosel, Padian, Stein Nays: None Absent: Nagel
Motion Passed 4-0-1 <b>Video Time Stamped: 0:13:55</b>

Director Stein addressed her comments on item 3e and suggested that the district returns to in-person meetings with a hybrid attendance model; the Board discussed. Public members commented in support of this. GM Hansell discussed options for future meetings.

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Kosel/Stein: Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar item 3e with the understanding that GM Hansell will investigate options for hybrid meetings.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Kosel, Padian, Stein Nays: None Absent: Nagel	
Motion Passed 4-0-1	<b>Video Time Stamped: 0:30:21</b>

**4. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5a. Adoption of Resolution 2022-06:**

The Board discussed how the contract reserve requirement of six months fits into the reserves policy and whether the finance committee has reviewed.

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Kosel/Dommer: Adopt Resolution 2022-06 Approving the Fourth Amendment to an Agreement for Services by and between the Kensington Fire Protection District and the City of El Cerrito.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Kosel, Padian, Stein Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Nagel	
Motion Passed 4-0-1	<b>Video Time Stamped: 0:47:38</b>

**5b. Report on April 9th, 2022 Kensington Evacuation Drill:**

Chief Pigoni and EPC Valenzuela presented this item. Positive public comments were received. No action was taken.

**5c. EPC Survey of Residents on Proposed Outdoor Emergency Public Address (EPA) System:**

This item was presented for information and the Board discussed.

**5d. Proposal to Reboot and Expand Hazardous Plant Removal Grant Program Including Budget Increase**

This item was discussed and will be brought back to a future meeting.

**5e. PSB Renovation & Temp Facility Progress Update**

GM Hansell presented this item as included in the packet and also reviewed the public safety building renovation information that is available on the website. NHA Advisors presented financing options. Director Kosel noted safety concerns with the public safety building and that the renovation needs to proceed also citing space issues with both

departments occupying the building. Director Stein has a concern with the ZFA structural report, the FEMA cost-benefit analysis, and would like ZFA to present the report. Director Dommer noted that he is happy with how the project is proceeding with a great deal of confidence in GM Hansell.

Vice President Padian asked for a motion to extend the meeting.

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Stein/Dommer: Motion to extend the meeting to 10:30pm.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Padian, Stein Nays: Kosel Absent: Nagel	
Motion Passed 3-1-1	<b>Video Time Stamped: 2:32:55</b>

GM Hansell stated that a motion may be needed directing staff to proceed with the schedule. Rob Schmidt of NHA Advisors clarified what the motion would be.

Public comments were received voicing concerns related to joint occupancy, potential alternatives, and displacement of community programs. Vice President Padian read public comments requesting that the plan pause, citing concerns on building occupancy and park resources.

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Dommer/Padian: Motion to direct staff to move forward with preparing legal documents and determining method of sale.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: None Nays: None Absent: Nagel	
Motion was withdrawn	

**Items 6 – 9 were not discussed.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**6a. Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting:**

**6b. Finance Committee Meeting**

**7. Fire Chief's Report**

**8. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator's Report**

**9. General Manager's Report**

**10. Outside Agencies Reports**

**10a. Contra Costa Special Districts Association**

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**10b. 2022 Election for LAFCo Special District Seats:**

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Dommer/Padian: Motion to extend the meeting to vote on Item 10b.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Padian, Stein Nays: Kosel Absent: Nagel	
Motion Passed 3-1-1	<b>Video Time Stamped: 3:27:20</b>

<b>MOTION:</b> M/s Kosel/Dommer: Cast ballot for the LAFCO incumbent.	
<b>VOTE:</b> Ayes: Dommer, Kosel, Padian, Stein Nays: None Absent: Nagel	
Motion Passed 4-0-1	<b>Video Time Stamped: 3:29:11</b>

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was automatically adjourned at 10:30pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will occur on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Mary Morris-Mayorga

These minutes were approved at the regular Board Meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on February 15, 2023.

Attest:

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Secretary of the Board