

**WAKE COUNTY
FIRE COMMISSION
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

Draft Minutes

*(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon
request)*

A meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at the Wake County Emergency Services Education Center, Rogers Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Fire Commission Vice Chairman Lee Price called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Vice Chairman Chief Lee Price (Firefighters Association President), Bob Stagg (Citizen Consumer), Billy Myrick (Citizen/Consumer), Chief Tony Mauldin (South Region), Chief Garland Johnston (West Region), Chief Ron Early (North Region), Chief Chris Perry (East Region) and Satish Garimella (Citizen/Consumer).

The following County officials and staff were present: Fire Services Director Nick Campasano, Fire Services Deputy Director Darrell Alford, Budget Analyst Michael Gammon, Fire Services Deputy Director Braxton Tanner, Fire Services WC-1 Stephen Wolf, and Fire Services Senior Accounting Technician Diana McBride.

Vice Chairman Chief Lee Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Billy Myrick provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Price led the group with the pledge of allegiance.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Bob Stagg to adopt the September 19, 2019 Regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Billy Myrick and the motion to adopt the September 19, 2019 minutes was carried unanimously by the Fire Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wake County Fire Services Deputy Director Darrell Alford requested to amend the agenda to add to the Subcommittee Appointments Regular agenda item. With the addition, Bob Stagg made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Chief Chris Perry and carried unanimously by

the Fire Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chairman Price made the following appointments:

West Region Wellness Committee – Dylan Briggs, Primary
South Region Wellness Committee – Zach Johnson, Primary
South Region Budget Committee – Chief Tony Mauldin, Alternate
North Region Wellness Committee – Foy Jenkins, Primary

SOUTHERN REGION REALIGNMENT OF INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Deputy Director Alford reported that the Southern Region Fire Departments ISO district maps were redrawn to match response districts. This is a continuation of a realignment project that was started in 2017. In late July, Departments was provided a list of parcel changes along with cost share implications. Chief Tony Mauldin of the Southern Region shared that the Southern Region initially voted 3 to 1 not to move forward with the realignment. The Southern Region submitted a list of questions back to the county for clarity on a few items. Deputy Director Alford provided details back to the Southern Region at which time the Southern Region voted 3-1 in favor of the realignment. Chief Mauldin added that the Town of Fuquay-Varina is not in favor of the realignment due to the future stations that are well into the planning stages. With no further discussion, Chief Early made a motion to recommend approval of the realignment with the understanding that when new stations that constructed and become in service, district boundaries would be realigned to reflect the closest station response. The motion was seconded by Chief Chris Perry and carried unanimously by the Commission.

INFORMATION AGENDA

FIRE TAX DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

Wake County Budget and Management Analyst, Michael Gammon provided the Commission with the current fiscal year financial report and opened the floor to questions. No questions from the Commission.

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STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

Administrative Subcommittee:

The Administrative Subcommittee has completed critical task analysis and is now looking at determining an effective response path going forward. Chief Criddle provided an update and invited others to attend the biweekly meetings to provide feedback.

Apparatus Subcommittee:

The Eastern Wake brush truck is expected to be delivered in early 2020, followed by the Hopkins' engine in April 2020 and Western Wake's engine expected delivery in May of 2020.

Representatives of the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department will complete the final inspection for their ladder in early December, with an expected delivery in early 2020.

The ladder rescue for Zebulon, Garner and Northern Wake are all in service.

Budget Subcommittee:

No report.

Communications Subcommittee

The Communications Subcommittee met and covered priorities, reducing call processing time, fast dispatch or auto dispatching, backup plans for equipment or software failure and the desire to reduce the call processing time.

Equipment Subcommittee:

The Equipment Subcommittee met and clarified that hoods were part of the PPE purchase. They decided to put off the boots and helmets wear test to conduct testing during the same time of the PPE testing. They will stay with the Honeywell 550 boots and the Cairns 1044 helmets.

Facilities Subcommittee:

No report.

Training Subcommittee:

No report.

Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee

In September Volunteer and Retention had 16 recruiting activities, received 18 interest forms, 7 applications and gained 7 new members. There was a total of 15 interest forms received in October.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Chair Glenn Clapp will offer additional guidance for the safer grant after December 9th.

CHAIR REPORT

Vice Chairman Price Congratulated Holly Springs for their ISO grading moving to a class one intown and to a class three in the rural.

Vice Chairman Price recognized Lauren Deer from Northern Wake for her volunteer accomplishments within the Department, County and State.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

No report.

FIRE TRAINING CENTER REPORT

The recruit academy class currently has class has 29 recruits. They have finished their EMT portion of the Academy and are now engaged in fire classes. Graduation is set early April.

GOOD OF THE GROUP

Chief Ron Early praised and thanked Wake County and all Fire Departments who assisted the Department with a rural structural fire.

ADJOURNMENT—

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Price at 7:25pm.