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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
(Special Meeting)**

November 18, 2021

3:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Burch called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Kester led the Board and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

All Fire Commissioners were present, Deputy Chiefs Shawn Arold and Frank Soto represented Administration. Also in attendance was Civil Service Commissioner John Sisser.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Civil Service Commissioner Interviews

The purpose of this special meeting was to conduct candidate interviews for the vacant Civil Service Commissioner position. The interviews were scheduled in order of applications received: Larry Rider, Robert West, Julie Johnson, and Brittany Webster.

While Mr. Rider was assisted with technical difficulties in joining the virtual meeting, Commissioner Guarisco invited Robert West to the meeting via videoconference.

At 3:22 p.m., Mr. West was excused from the meeting.

At 3:24 p.m., Mr. Rider was invited to the meeting and participated via telephone.

At 3:41 p.m., Mr. Rider was excused from the meeting.

At 3:42 p.m., Mrs. Johnson was invited to the meeting and participated via videoconference.

At 3:53 p.m., Mrs. Johnson was excused from the meeting.



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At 3:54 p.m., Mrs. Webster was invited to the meeting and participated via videoconference.

At 4:22 p.m., Mrs. Webster was excused from the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Evaluating Qualifications or Performance of a Public Employee or Official - 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.

Commissioner Burch read RCW 42.30.110(g) and announced the approximate time for Executive Session would be 15 minutes and an announcement possibly to follow.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session 4:24 p.m. with all Board members and Deputy Chief Arold present.

At 4:39 p.m., it was announced the executive session was extended an additional 5 minutes.

At 4:44 p.m., it was announced the executive session was extended an additional 5 minutes.

At 4:49 p.m., it was announced the executive session was extended an additional 10 minutes.

At 5:59 p.m. Commissioner Burch called the meeting back into public session.

Commissioner Guarisco moved to appoint Brittany Webster to the Civil Service Commissioner position. It was seconded by Commissioner Kester, and, with no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners thanked all candidates for their interest in SVFD and wished them well in their search for future volunteer roles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Commissioner Burch announced that the next regular meeting will occur Monday, November 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. (virtual meeting). Visit www.spokanevalleyfire.com to sign up prior to the meeting in order to make a public comment; all comments must be received in writing by 2:00 p.m. prior to the start of the meeting.



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Burch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Commissioner Guarisco and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried and Commissioner Burch adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Patrick Burch

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Patrick Burch
Chair
Board of Fire Commissioners
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