

DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON: May 19, 2022

Location - Station 89, 7550 Lyman Ave, Darien.

Time - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Call to order:

Roll call of Commissioners present: Ed Cryer, Julia Beckman and Dominic Marsiglio

Guests: Chief Jim Karasek, Deputy Chief Demetrios Lahanis and Admin Asst Christine Hardy.

Review of previous minutes and documents:

- A. The minutes of the following meeting were reviewed:
Regular meeting - February 17, February 18 and March 7. Member Marsiglio moved and Chair seconded motion to approve. Approved by unanimous vote.
- B. The notes from the Swearing-in Ceremony on April 1 were reviewed for record only

Correspondence:

- A. **Trustee's Meeting:** Previous Trustee Board meetings were attended by member/s of the Board of Commissioners. An update report was given at all meetings.
- B. **Trustee's Report:** The report packet included previous months' meeting minutes, Treasurer Report, Chief's report were issued along with the agenda for the current monthly meeting.
- C. **Other communications:** Various emails were sent to the commissioners for information covering DWFD issues.

Personnel and General Issue Report:

- A. A DWFD update was given by Chief Karasek.

Old Business:

- A. **REFERENCE ONLY - Important Upcoming Dates:**
 - 1. Review FF/PM Eligibility list good from 12/08/2020 thru 12/07/2022.
NOTE: THIS LIST IS NOW CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF CANDIDATES.
 - 2. Review Lieutenant Eligibility list good from 08/19/2020 thru 08/18/2023.
 - 3. Review Battalion Chief Eligibility list good from 11/17/2020 thru 11/16/2023.
- B. Chief Karasek reported that all is ready for firefighter/EMS testing on May 22. Twelve candidates have applied. He recommended that DWFD extend our eligibility list until end of 2022. He will consult with legal counsel about our options for a shorter time period. Chief also noted that overtime costs are up due to openings.
- C. Chair Cryer led discussion on timing and number of interviews after test date. Member consensus to schedule ten interviews for possible July dates.
- D. Chair Cryer led discussion of possible changes to interview questions. Proposed changes will be made before July interviews. Commissioner Marsiglio moved changes be approved, Commissioner Beckman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Chair Cryer led discussion of Outlook email issues. Deputy Chief Lahanis will review and recommend action.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Beckman

Fire Commissioner, Recording Secretary