

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2014

Call to Order

The opening of the meeting was postponed until 5:15pm to allow time for Mr. Canty to show up. The meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Cheryl Engle at 5:15pm.

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Cheryl Engle, Commissioner Paul Messner, Commissioner Steve Hutchinson (by phone), Chief Ed Hartin and Office Manager/Board Secretary Kim Harpe.

Members of the Public Present: None.

Consensus Approval of the Agenda

The Chair received consensus approval of the agenda.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

The Board addressed the following item of new business:

Chair Cheryl Engle stated, "The purpose for the Special Meeting was to hear an appeal by William Canty regarding the Fire Chief's decision to involuntarily separate him from Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) as a result of a pattern of behavior that is inconsistent with the District's values of Professionalism and Integrity and which also follows a history of progressive discipline including repeated reprimands and suspensions". Mr. Canty did not show up to voice his appeal. After some discussion, Commissioner Paul Messner moved and Chair Cheryl Engle seconded to approve the decision of the Fire Chief to involuntarily separate Mr. Canty from CWIFR.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Good of the Order

The following events or other announcements were presented for the good of the order

August (TBD) Special Meeting - Facility Study Progress Report

October (TBD) Special Meeting – Discuss the Fire Chief's Contract and Personnel

Evaluation

October 22, 2014

WFCA Annual Conference, Spokane Red Lion at the Park

Chief Hartin reported that eight applicants had applied for the Deputy Chief position and four were moving on to the assessment. Chief Hartin briefed the Board on when the assessment would be held and what the assessment would entail.

Next Regular Meeting

August 14, 2014

Time: 17:00

Location: Station 53

There being no further business, Chair Cheryl Engle adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm.

Submitted,

Kim Harpe, Secretary