

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD MEETING**

UNOFFICIAL  
MINUTES

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**AUGUST 25, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN KENNEY  
COMMISSIONER DALRYMPLE  
COMMISSIONER BURR  
COMMISSIONER ROOT  
COMMISSIONER MCQUEEN

**ALSO PRESENT:** TOM JAMISON, CHIEF  
ANDREW SALZMAN, ATTORNEY

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ATTENDANCE**  
Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order. The flag was honored by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**  
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2020 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.  
**MOTION: Root**  
**SECOND: McQueen**  
*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.*
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS -**
  - a. Assistant Chief George Bessler read a statement regarding his personal clarifications and responses to a prepared statement Commissioner McQueen would possibly be reading later in the meeting under the agenda item "Ethics Complaint". Statement attached to these minutes.
  - b. Mr. Mike Peasley, a candidate for Commissioner Seat Number 5 in the upcoming election and resident of Ellinwood addressed the Board and Commissioner Dalrymple asking if Commissioner Dalrymple was a current member of the IAFF Local 1158 Union members and pointed out that Article 4 Section 4 of East Lake Commission By-Laws states that you cannot be an active or union member and be on a Commission Seat and asked the Commission to look into that article to see if he is in compliance with it. Mr. Peasley also stated that it was not him who

called Commissioner Dalrymple in reference to his campaign signs and Mr. Peasley did not appreciate Mr. Dalrymple's call to his house to come after him on that.

*Commissioner Dalrymple stated that he would resign from the Union the next morning, Wednesday. Chairman Kenny discussed with the Board and Attorney Salzman that in the event that this issue posed a problem after Attorney Salzman researched it and reported back with further information, then any votes at the meeting where Commissioner Dalrymple was the swing/vote tie-breaker and this issue was a problem, then those votes would be tabled until the next Board of Commission meeting on September 15, 2020.*

- c. Mr. Tom May, a candidate for Commissioner in the upcoming election and resident of Anchorage, addressed the Board and Chief Jamison regarding Chief Jamison's donation to Commissioner Candidate Maryellen Crowder and recent postings Chief Jamison posted on his personal Facebook page. Mr. May wanted to go on record that he was notifying the Board of Fire Commissioners that he felt that Chief Jamison used his official position as Fire Chief to influence others for political purposes. Mr. May wanted to know if this is legal and said he knew that there were SOG's that prohibit such actions. Attorney Salzman stated that according to state statute it depends on whether the actions of the employee are done on or off duty. If done off duty then he can contribute money to a campaign, can express his personal opinion, can do all those things. If it is on-duty then it would be a violation of state statute. Chairman Kenney reiterated that an employee is allowed to personally endorse whoever they like. They're allowed to donate up to the maximum amount. As long as they don't do it under the guise of their office using official time or equipment it is completely legal to do so. Attorney Salzman stated that he would look at the Department SOGs as well.

MOVE TO INDEPENDENTLY INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS OF CHIEF JAMISON'S USE OF HIS OFFICIAL OFFICE ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE SOG.

**MOTION: McQueen**

**SECOND: Dalrymple**

*Action on Motion: Motion was withdrawn by Commissioner McQueen until the next Fire Commission meeting pending additional information as researched and presented by Attorney Salzman.*

#### 4. EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.

**MOTION: Burr**

**SECOND: McQueen**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.*

**5. FIREFIGHTER REPORT – Lieutenant Kenny Lane**

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

MOVE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

**MOTION: Root**

**SECOND: McQueen**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.*

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Marine 57**

**b. All or Nothing Legislation**

**c. City of Tarpon Springs – Engage Negotiations for Interlocal Agreement**

**d. 5K**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Budget Review**

**b. Fire Chief’s Appraisal Review/SOG 105/Base Pay  
Recommendations**

MOVE TO ACCEPT SOG 105 WAGES AS PRESENTED.

**MOTION: Burr**

**SECOND: Root**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 3-2.*

*Opposed: Dalrymple and McQueen.*

MOVE TO INCREASE THE FIRE CHIEF’S SALARY AS PRESENTED.

**MOTION: Root**

**SECOND: Burr**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 3-2.*

*Opposed: Dalrymple and McQueen.*

**c. SOG 101.2-Fire Commissioner Standard Operating Guidelines and  
Commissioner By-Laws Updates**

MOVE TO APPROVE AMENDED SECTIONS OF SOG 101.2 AND BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONER BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED.

**MOTION: Root**

**SECOND: Burr**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 3-2.*

*Opposed: Dalrymple and McQueen.*

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**a. Ethics Complaint**

**Commissioner Tom McQueen read a statement. Statement attached to these minutes.**

MOVE TO REIMBURSE COMMISSIONER MCQUEEN \$1,500 FOR HIS LEGAL FEES INCURRED.

**MOTION: Dalrymple**

**SECOND: McQueen**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion failed 3-2.*

*Opposed: Root, Burr and Kenney.*

MOVE TO REIMBURSE COMMISSIONER MCQUEEN \$500 FOR LEGAL FEES INCURRED FOR THE MOST RECENT ETHICS VIOLATION IN WHICH NO PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND.

**MOTION: Dalrymple**

**SECOND: McQueen**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 3-2.*

*Opposed: Root and Burr.*

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 8:29 P.M.

**MOTION: Root**

**SECOND: McQueen**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.*

**10. ADJOURNED TO THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 FIRST BUDGET HEARING AT 5:01 P.M.**

Submitted by:

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Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

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David Root, Secretary