

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

**BOARD MEETING**

OFFICIAL  
MINUTES

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**December 15, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** TOM JAMISON, CHIEF  
JASON GENNAOR, DEPUTY 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AND DECEMBER 7, 2020 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS.  
**MOTION: MCQUEEN**  
**SECOND: BURR**  
*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.*
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
4. **EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**  
MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.  
**MOTION: BURR**  
**SECOND: CROWDER**  
*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: DALRYMPLE**  
**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 – Negotiations for Interlocal Agreement**
- d. 5K**
- e. Pension Negotiations**

MOVE TO OPEN PENSION NEGOTIATIONS

**MOTION: MCQUEEN**

**SECOND: CROWDER**

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

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CARES Act**

MOVE TO APPROVE THE CARES ACT PROVIDED NO RED FLAGS ARISE

**MOTION: DALRYMPLE**

**SECOND: CROWDER**

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

- b. Succession Plan**

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE SUCCESSION PLAN AS PRESENTED AT THIS TIME

**MOTION: CROWDER**

**SECOND: BURR**

*Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed 4-1.*

**Opposed: Dalrymple**

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

- a. Resident Mike Peasley had a Public Comment asking the Commission to look into the Commissioner By-Laws as they stand with holding people accountable for actions. He asked if Commissioner Dalrymple was going to publicly apologize for his actions when he was arrested a couple of weeks ago. Commissioner Dalrymple stated that he had not been found guilty of anything and that in the United States you are innocent until proven guilty.**
- b. Attorney Salzman raised a concern he has with Article X, Section 6 – “Meeting Attendance” of the By-Laws with what is going on with COVID.**

MOVE TO HOLD THE MEETING ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES OF THE BY-LAWS IN ABEYANCE DURING THIS COVID TIME AND UNTIL IT IS OVER AT WHICH TIME, WE WILL REINSTITUTE THIS SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS BACK TO THE APPROVED LANGUAGE, PROVIDING A MINIMUM OF THREE COMMISSIONERS ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT EACH MEETING IN ORDER TO MEET THE REQUIRED QUORUM.

**MOTION: MCQUEEN**

**SECOND: DALRYMPLE**

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

- c. Chairman Kenney read the following statement into the Minutes as a statement of the Board's Consensus regarding the topic Mr. Peasley raised about the arrest and actions we saw there: "For almost 50 years, the men and women who serve the public through East Lake Fire Rescue have been dedicated to the cause of public safety. We utilize our training to advance that through fire prevention, fire rescue, EMS, and other activities. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, East Lake Fire Rescue has taken all appropriate steps to protect the public, including limiting access to fire station facilities to essential personnel and other preventive measures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has consistently advised that the wearing of face masks is an effective way to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19. We, the East Lake Fire Department, and we, the Commissioners of East Lake Fire Rescue, fully support the CDC guidelines. The safety and well-being of those we serve has been, and always will be, our number one priority." He further stated that the Commission supports local fire and police departments and supports the need to wear masks where they say that we should.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 7:47 P.M.


**MOTION: BURR**

**SECOND: MCQUEEN**

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

**10. ADJOURNED TO THE JANUARY 26, 2021 BOARD MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.**

Submitted by:

  
Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

  
Tom McQueen, Secretary