

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 31, 2024

Those Present:

Chief Scott Lindgren

Assistant Chief Bryce Cranch

Trustee Larry Schussel

Chairman Greg Felton

Legal Counsel Devon Reese

Trustee Stacy Noyes

Trustee Janet Murphy

Vice Chair Ben Johnson

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schussel

3. Roll Call.

Chairman Schussel, Vice Chair Felton, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Noyes and Trustee Murphy were all present. A quorum was met.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Vice Chair Felton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Johnson

Motion approved 5-0.

5. Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint Board Officers to the 2024 Board of Trustees. (From the following nominees – Greg Felton, Ben Johnson, Janet Murphy, Stacy Noyes and Larry Schussel)

Chairman Larry Schussel

Chairman Schussel made a motion to appoint Trustee Greg Felton as Chairman and Trustee Ben Johnson as Vice Chair.

Motion Approved: 5-0

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Trustee Comments:

None.

8. Approval of the Consent Calendar.

a. Board Meeting Minutes 11/29/23

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- b. Monthly Expenditures
- c. PEBP Other Postemployment Benefits of Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection GASB75 Actuarial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023
- d. Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Other Postemployment Benefits GASB75 Actuarial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023
- e. Job Description – Fire Inspector II
- f. Job Description – Seasonal Defensible Space Inspector
- g. Job Description – WF&F Battalion Chief/Crew Superintendent

Chairman Felton requested to pull “item d. Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Other Postemployment Benefits GASB75 Actuarial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023” from the consent calendar.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the consent calendar, omitting item d.
Second: Vice Chair Johnson
Motion Approved: 5-0

9. Consent items moved forward:

Chairman Felton asked Chief Lindgren for clarification on the Investment Experience and if there is a change in the District’s attempt to add additional funds as noted in the OPEB Trust, Deposition versus Liability. Chief Lindgren responded that market performance resulted in the positive to negative status in the liability reserves. The Trust has benefited greatly from a strong market in the past, so the District will continue to monitor, but no additional funding is planned at this time.

Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to approve item d.
Second: Trustee Noyes
Motion Approved: 5-0

10. Special Recognition

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Years of Service

December 2023	Fire Chief Scott Lindgren	3 Years of Service
	Fire Prevention Specialist/PIO Michelle Turner	1 Year of Service
	District Specialist Amanda Keeton	1 Year of Service

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Chief Brandon Brady	18 years
Chief Steve Prather	18 years

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Captain Brandon Spry	18 years
Captain Ben Pratt	17 years
Engineer Greg Koeck	8 years
Captain/Crew Foreman Mark Waite	2 years FT (seasonal since 2019)
Engineer/Squad Leader Nathaniel Braun	2 years FT (seasonal since 2018)

CCRFA Graduates:

FF/PM Jordan Kohler

FF/PM Jack Sears

FF/PM Everett Smith

Special Recognition

Lora French

UKG Project Management

11. Discussion and possible approval of the 2024 Board of Trustees meeting schedule.

Chairman Greg Felton

Trustee Noyes moved to accept the meeting schedule as proposed.

Second: Trustee Schussel

Motion Approved: 5-0

12. Discussion and possible approval of the Strategic Plan workshop date on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Chief Lindgren encouraged the Board and the public to attend the workshop to discuss the Strategic Plan.

Legal Counsel Devon Reese suggested to the Board that they email Chief Lindgren with topics to discuss at the workshop.

The Strategic Plan Workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 13th from 1PM – 4PM.

13. District Divisions

Administrative Division Officer Kate Warner

Specialty Health is one of the components available to the District with POOL/PACT membership. The “Fit for Retirement” is a Specialty Health program to take a more in depth

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look at firefighter health now, work with the employee to improve markers to ensure a long career and good health into retirement. In the past the District has averaged about five or six participants in the program, however this year the District had 22 .

The five Firefighter/Paramedic candidates that were assessed in December are starting orientation on February 12th.

In partnership with Kahle Community Center, the District has increased the amount of Blood Drive's for 2024 to five events. PIO/Fire Prevention Specialist Turner and District Specialist Keeton have been instrumental in the success of the blood drives. They collaborate on different methods to distribute information, including making calls, utilizing social media and radio broadcasting.

Battalion Chief Monaghan in place of Chief Schafer | Wildland Fire & Fuels

11th Annual Wildland Firefighter Foundation Softball Classic – Saturday April 27, 2024

Location: Centennial Fields, Carson City, NV – Contact Chief Monaghan for registration.

Chief Lindgren expressed his gratitude to Shoreline and Zephyr Crews for an impressive effort this month to address burn piles in the District. Both crews are doing great work in and around the Tahoe Basin, including southern Douglas County near Topaz Lake.

Fire Inspector Kris Rowlett

Inspector Garrison has done a remarkable job with the Fire Explorers Program.

PIO/FPS Turner is now a certified Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector with the State of Nevada.

Staff completed 28 permit inspections and 42 VHR inspections this past month which included:

- Bally's – MMA Fight event
- Edgewood – New construction
- Tahoe Blue Events Center/LTVA – Cirque Dreams, Excision 2 nights
- Golden Nugget – New Year's Eve fireworks
- Special Events – 10 special event permits issued

Assistant Chief Bryce Cranch

The District is enhancing the active shooter and rescue swimmer programs.

Kudos to Firefighter Josh Wesson on coordinating the new SCBA's. Five local agencies coordinated on a federal grant so that all the local fire departments were utilizing the same SCBA equipment – which ultimately improves the safety of the firefighters.

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Kudos to Captain Isenberg for completing an “ease of access” fire hydrant project.

14. Review of Monthly Fire District Activities.

No action will be taken.

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

No discussion.

15. Public Comment

Chairman Felton introduced District resident Ben Ward who may be interested in joining the Board of Trustees.

Former Marine 24 is going to be on the water as a community service boat. The District can use it as a reserve, and it will be available to assist with Search & Rescue, nonprofit agencies projects and other community services.

Discussion: Confirm next meeting, with a proposed date of Wednesday, February 28, 2024 with a start time of 2:30PM and possible agenda items.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15PM

Submitted by:

Amanda Keeton
Fire Board Clerk