

# ***Snohomish County Fire District #4***

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE:** January 22, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Station 48 - 4228 Airport Blvd  
Arlington, WA 98223

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** **BRIAN MILLS**, Chair  
**CRAIG ERICKSON**, Fire Commissioner  
**EVAN MERRITT**, Fire Commissioner

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 0900 hours. All Board members were present.

#### **AGENDA**

##### **1. Resolution 565**

**Discussion:** Resolution 565, which changes the time and place of the regular commissioner meetings was discussed. A majority of the board favors a 1900 hours start time.

**Action:** Chair Mills made a **motion** to approve the resolution with a change to keeping meeting start times at 1900 hours. It was seconded by Commissioner Erickson and was **passed** unanimously.

##### **2. Dates for Public Facilities Meeting between March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Discussion:**

**Action:** The board selected March 21<sup>st</sup> as the date for the facilities meeting.

##### **3. Board Attendance at Training**

**a. March 23, Tulalip, Snure, Commissioners, Chief, Secretary**

**b. June 1, Chelan, Commission Conference, Strategic Planning**

**c. April 29 – May 2, Wenatchee, Fire Chiefs' Conference**

**d. October 23 – 26, Spokane, Commissioner Association Conference**

**e. Legislative Day, Olympia, 1/23/24, Chiefs & Commissioners Assoc.**

**Discussion:** All three board members would like to attend the training on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The other training opportunities will be attended by at least one member of the board, perhaps more, with the exception of the Legislative day, which no one plans to attend.

##### **4. Follow Up to 1/10/2024 Snure Training**

**Discussion:** A lengthy discussion was held regarding the vision and long term future structure of the fire district and fire services in the county as a whole. Fire Commissioner Board processes, governance, policies, budgeting, roles, procedures, guidelines, expectations, involvement with the local, county and state government initiatives, and funding options for staffing additions were also discussed.

Commissioner Erickson volunteered to participate in the meeting with the State Auditor. He also volunteered to speak at the Awards Ceremony on March 9 at Machias Meadows.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1800 hours.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING,  
January 22, 2024**

**Minutes prepared and submitted by:**

  
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**Brian Mills**, Board Chair

  
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**Don Waller**, District Secretary- Approved to Form

**MINUTES APPROVED BY FIRE COMMISSIONER:**

  
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2-12-24  
Date