

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on November 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, Director Powell. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting. Newly elected Board member, Stephen Dougherty was present and introduced himself.

- 2. Receive presentation from PARS/Highmark representatives, Angela Tang and Tory Milazzo, regarding the District's post-retirement benefits trust investments plans. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by District Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas introduced PARS/Highmark representatives, Angela Tang and Tory Milazzo. The representatives provided a power point presentation regarding the Fire District's post-retirement benefits trust investment plans.

- 3. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-01 of the Montecito Fire Protection District adopting the 2022 California Fire Code and the Montecito Fire Protection District Development Standards, amending provisions of the 2022 California Residential Code, amending provisions of the 2022 California Building Code and subsequent adoption. (Strategic Plan Goal 1 and 2)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.**

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report regarding the 2022 California Fire Code and the Montecito Fire Protection District Development Standards. Director Lee opened the public hearing. There was no public testimony. Director Lee closed the public hearing. The motion was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01 of the Montecito Fire Protection District as read by title only. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

The motion was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed to direct the Fire Chief to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act with the Santa Barbara County Clerk.

**4. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

**a. Consider recommendation to approve September and October 2022 financial statements.**

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the September and October 2022 financial statements. Motion made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed to approve the September and October 2022 financial statements.

**b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for September and October 2022.**

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for September and October 2022.

**5. Consider approval of Resolution 2022-18, fixing the employer contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an equal amount for employees and annuitants. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

**a. Staff report presented by District Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-18 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**6. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Regular meeting made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

**7. Approval of Minutes of the October 25, 2022 Special Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 Special meeting made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

**8. Fire Chief's report.**

Division Chief Neels provided an update regarding recent weather events. Fire Marshal Briner provided an update regarding the Vent Retrofit and Neighborhood Chipping Programs. He also provided an update regarding the Alert Wildfire Cameras. Chief Taylor stated that the December Special Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m.

**9. Board of Director's report.**

There were no items to report at this meeting.

**10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the December 20, 2022 Special Board meeting.**

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

**11. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code section 54957) Title: Fire Chief**
- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)  
Agency Negotiators: Directors Lee and Powell  
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief**

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:02 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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President Michael Lee

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Secretary Judith Ishkanian