



Moraga-Orinda Fire District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2024
(APPROVED JUNE 19, 2024)

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 12:32 p.m. on May 30, 2024, at the Moraga Library Community Room, 1500 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, CA 94556. The meeting was available for in-person attendance only. The meeting included teleconference participation from Board Member Greg Hasler from Westlake, TX 76262. President Roemer called the meeting to order and requested an attendance roll call. Present were the following Directors and Staff (present in person unless noted with asterisks):

Board Member: Director Steven Danziger, Director Greg Hasler**, Director John Jex, Director Craig Jorgens, and President Mike Roemer

Staff: Fire Chief Dave Winnacker

District Counsel: Renne Public Law Group Founding Partner Jonathan Holtzman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no requests to address the Board.

At 12:33 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Public Employment

(Government Code Section 54957)

Public Employment Position to be Filled Title: Fire Chief

At 1:42 p.m., the Board adjourned the Closed Session

4. RECONVENE THE MEETING

President Roemer reconvened the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors' special meeting at 1:42 p.m. Present were the following Directors and Staff (present in person unless noted):

Board Member: Director Steven Danziger, Director Greg Hasler**, Director John Jex, Director Craig Jorgens, and President Mike Roemer

Staff: Fire Chief Dave Winnacker

District Counsel: Renne Public Law Group Founding Partner Jonathan Holtzman

5. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

There was no reportable action regarding Items 3.1

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no requests to address the Board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 1:44 p.m., Director Jorgens motioned and seconded by Director Roemer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Hasler, Jex, Jorgens, and Roemer; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None)

/s/ Marcia Holbrook, District Secretary/District Clerk

The audio recording of this meeting is not available due to technical issues.



Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Fire Chief Dave Winnacker

May 30, 2024

Dear Board of Directors,

After 21 years in uniform and seven years as MOFD's Fire Chief, it is my intent to retire from the fire service at the end of my current contract in December 2024 to pursue opportunities in the private sector. I remain tremendously grateful to the Board for taking a chance on an unproven outsider in 2017 and for the many opportunities for professional growth this position has provided.

I am very proud of the steps we have taken to bring MOFD into a position of regional and statewide leadership in a number of areas. Among other achievements, it is worth noting the work done by the Fire District, our public agency partners, and the community to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to wildfire risk reduction. I believe it is important to acknowledge the degree to which this area is of increasing importance and will require sustained effort over time to achieve our shared goals. To that end, I appreciate the Board's consideration of additional positions recommended in the proposed FY24-25 budget to ensure continuity and a seamless transition.

Leading the Fire District has been an incredibly rewarding endeavor, and I have great pride in the high standards to which our members hold themselves. The firefighters who answer the call night and day are committed to our community, and the long tradition of providing the highest level of service MOFD represents. It is of the highest importance that this commitment is not overlooked or allowed to languish as the District expands into other areas of service delivery.

Over the next year, I have identified the following priorities to ensure a smooth transition:

1. Professional development of key district staff
2. Progress toward the remodel of Station 45
3. Completion of Standards of Cover study
4. Completion of labor negotiations
5. Substantial completion of the Tunnel East Bay Hills Fuel Break
6. Enhancement of MOFD's prescribed fire program to ensure long-term success
7. Completion of ongoing discussions with large landowning entities within the fire district

I look forward to receiving direction from the Board regarding priorities for CY24 and, with my remaining time in the District, setting conditions for the continuation of current initiatives that advance our shared goals.

Respectfully,


Dave Winnacker