

Chester Public Utility District  
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**Minutes of Regular Meeting:** January 18, 2022 at 3:00pm. Located in the Chester Public Utility District conference room: 251 Chester Airport Road.

**Directors Present:** Steve Voboril, Steve Graffweg, Elizabeth Steffen.

**Directors Absent:** Royce Raker, Blake Mathews

**Conference Call:** One public called in.

**Guests Present:** 5

**Staff Present:** 7 CPUD/CFD employees and volunteers.

1. **Call to Order:** Director Voboril called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
  - a. Director Voboril led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - b. Agenda Approval: Director Graffweg made a motion to accept Agenda. Director Steffen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Public Comment Agenda Items:** None
3. **Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes
    1. Director Steffen made a motion to accept minutes as written. Director Graffweg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

*Director Raker entered meeting at 3:04 p.m.*

4. **Financials:**
  - a. December 2021: Director Raker had a question regarding Professional Services in 400. Chief Layne answered. Director Steffen made a motion to approve Financials. Director Graffweg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** A public member got up and spoke that he would like the Public to be able to comment on each Agenda Item. Another public member on the phone stated that they can comment on items before a vote.
6. **Emergency Services Report:** Chief Brian Layne reported that E-7222 is in Redding for repair and maintenance. PG&E will be renting the hangar as needed at \$200.00 per day during winter storms. USFS may rent part of the back Apparatus Bay, he has a meeting tomorrow at 10:00a.m. The new 7200 (Chevy Tahoe) went to Reno to get outfitted for Command and should be back soon. Chief Layne also stated there were 4 holdover days in December.  
A public member spoke up and mentioned that there is still have ongoing Litigation.

**7. Local Union Representatives:**

**a. Local 5317/Chester Professional Firefighter's Association (CFD Safety)**

Local 5317 Paramedic Johnson stood up and spoke to the Board regarding moving forward after 15 months of no progress. Johnson was also looking for clarification on a few items and would like to get a Tentative Agreement signed until such time Negotiations are completed. Johnson also stated he would like to have the same as Local 39 and meet with Management and vote at the table. Johnson would like the whole process streamlined.

A public member spoke that said if ground rules are still being talked about after 15 months that needs to be fixed. A separate public member stated that ground rules were signed and agreed upon at one point.

**8. Finance Committee Update:** Director Voboril stated there was no update.

**9. Personnel Committee Update:** Director Steffen stated there was no update.

**10. Closed Session: Labor Negotiations: Professional Firefighters Local #5317 MOU (54957.6)** at 3:23p.m.

**11. Reconvene:** at 4:24 p.m.

**12. Report on Closed Session:** Director Voboril stated that no were votes taken. Director Voboril stated that he wanted a Special Meeting set up for Thursday January 20, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. to include Wages, Discussion and Possible Action, Firefighter Salary Schedule, as well as Ambulance Review.

**13. Correspondence:** Board Clerk Johnson commented via phone that California Special Districts Association website has many free trainings and it's a great way stay compliant.

**14. Comments:**

**Directors:** Director Voboril stated he had an email from District Counsel Einhorn regarding General Manager decisions and how to move forward. Discussion was had regarding the GM position and interim options, also adding to Agenda for Thursday's Special Meeting.

**Staff:** Board Clerk Johnson by phone stated that we need to be aware of the 180 revolving door policy and would need to check into how that applies in emergency situations.

A public member stated that lots reviewed and signed.

**15. Adjournment:** Director Raker made motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm. Director Steffen seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

District Secretary, Kelly Sanders

Approval of Minutes 