



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.**

TEAMS

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**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Ernest R. Cisneros, Council Member – City of Colton  
Vice-Chairperson – Lynne Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Rancho Cucamonga  
Dan Leary, Board President – Apple Valley Fire Protection District  
John DeMonaco, Board Member – Chino Independent Fire District  
Phill Dupper, Mayor – City of Loma Linda  
Denis Davis, Council Member – City of Redlands - *Absent*  
Andy Carrizales, Council Member – City of Rialto - *Absent*  
Dawn Rowe, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor – San Bernardino County  
Elizabeth Becerra, Council Member – City of Victorville

**CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Flag Salute
- b. Roll call/Introductions

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

An opportunity provided for persons in the audience to make brief statements to the Board of Directors (Limited to 30 minutes; 3 minutes allotted for each speaker)

**INFORMATION RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Agenda items may require committee member abstentions due to conflict of interests and financial interests. CONFIRE Board of Director member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

*No conflicts were announced.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be voted upon at one time by the Board of Directors Committee. An item may be removed by a Committee Member or member of the public for discussion and appropriate action.

1. Approve the Board of Directors Minutes of July 21, 2022

**ACTION REQUEST:** The Administrative Committee requests the Board accept and approve consent item 1.

**ACTION:** *The CONFIRE Board of Directors accepts and approves consent item 1.*

**Motion by:** *Motion by Lynne Kennedy*

**Second:** *Elizabeth Becerra*

*Ernest R. Cisneros-Yes*

*Dan Leary-Yes*

*John DeMonaco-Yes*

*Phill Dupper-Yes*

*Denise Davis-Absent*

*Andy Carrizales-Absent*

*Dawn Rowe-Yes*

**Ayes:** 7

**Noes:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2

### **Motion Approved**

**UPDATE ON CONFIRE ACTIVITIES** – CONFIRE Director to give an update on the various activities within CONFIRE.

- *CAD to CAD project is ready to go live with Riverside County Fire on 9/21/22, connecting CONFIRE with Riverside County Fire.*
- *CONFIRE continues to hire new employees but is still experiencing staffing challenges.*
- *Art Andres has elected to go on a long-term absence, potentially permanent. We will look to recruit for that position in the near future.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Contracting Party – City of Yucaipa – **ACTION ITEM**

*Board Policy 5.003 requires the following for the admission of a contracting agency:*

- *Sponsorship by an existing member agency.*
- *Admission of the contracting party must be pursuant to terms acceptable to the Board of Directors*
- *Admission of contracting party must be approved by the Board of Directors.*

*The City of Yucaipa has requested to become a contracting party, Chino Valley Independent Fire Distract has agreed to sponsor the City of Yucaipa. This was approved by the Administrative Committee on Aug. 23, 2022.*

*There are no fiscal impacts resulting from admitting the City of Yucaipa as a Contracting Agency.*

**ACTION:** *The CONFIRE Board of Directors approves the City of Yucaipa for admission to CONFIRE as a contract agency pursuant to the terms and conditions of Consolidated Fire Agencies (CONFIRE) JPA existing MOU for contracting agencies.*

**Motion by:** *Phill Dupper*

**Second:** *Elizabeth Becerra*

*Ernest R. Cisneros-Yes*

*Lynne Kennedy-Yes*

*Dan Leary-Yes*

*John DeMonaco-Yes*

*Denise Davis-Absent*

*Andy Carrizales-Absent*

*Dawn Rowe-Yes*

**Ayes:** *7*

**Noes:** *0*

**Abstain:** *0*

**Absent:** *2*

### **Motion Approved**

3. Memorandum of Understanding with CWA Local 9588, representing employees in the Emergency Services Unit – **ACTION ITEM**

*CWA Local 9588 and Human Resources began negotiations for a successor memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The existing agreement expired on July 31, 2020. The parties reached an agreement covering wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment thru February 28, 2025.*

*The approval of this Memorandum of Understanding will result in increased ongoing costs estimated to be \$275,000 in 2022-23, \$500,000 in 2023-24, \$720,000 in 2024-25, and \$750,000 ongoing. The MOU also includes a one-time cost of approximately \$95,000 for COVID-19 premium bonus pay. This cost is expected to be funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, contingent upon the cost being eligible under ARPA guidelines.*

**ACTION:** *The CONFIRE Board of Directors approves the proposed agreement between Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 9588 and CONFIRE.*

**Motion by:** *Lynne Kennedy*

**Second:** *Phill Dupper*

*Ernest R. Cisneros-Yes*

*Dan Leary-Yes*  
*John DeMonaco-Yes*  
*Denise Davis-Absent*  
*Andy Carrizales-Absent*  
*Dawn Rowe-Yes*  
*Elizabeth Becerra-Yes*

**Ayes: 7**

**Noes: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**Motion Approved**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

5. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to be briefed regarding (1) case of litigation Claim No. CIV SB 2129232 LISA SEGOVIA vs. COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CONSOLIDATED FIRE AGENCIES (CONFIRE)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** *To adjourn the CONFIRE Board of Directors' Meeting*

**MOTION BY:** *Ernest Cisneros*

**Ayes: 7**

**Noes: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 2**

*The meeting adjourned at 13:51.*

**Next Meeting:** To be determined.

    /s/ Liz Berry

**Liz Berry**

**Administrative Secretary I**