



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

October 17, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

Electronically Via ZOOM Webinar/UFA Headquarters – 3380 South 900 West SLC, UT 84119

1. Call to Order

Mayor Silvestrini acted as Chair as both Chair Weichers and Vice Chair Stevenson were out of town
This meeting was posted as informational only, with no action being taken on any items

Quorum present

Mayor Silvestrini called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None

Public comment was available live and with a posted email address

3. Committee Updates

- Benefits & Compensation Committee – Chair Dahle
 - No meeting held
- Governance Committee – Chair Silvestrini
 - No meeting held
- Finance Committee – Chair Henderson
 - Next meeting 11/29/23

4. Behavioral Health Usage Budget Transfer

- AC Pilgrim provided a brief overview of the almost \$150,000 shortfall in this program due to increased use
- \$45,000 was budgeted for external clinicians and has been a reliable amount in previous years
- As of April 2023, there is an increase in demand for behavioral health resources
- Chief Burchett asked all Division Leaders to review their budgets and pull back where possible to help overcome the shortage
- \$75,000 was found to help the program
- As a comparison, 650 individuals used the program in past years, in the past 18-months another 320 entered the program
- AC Pilgrim mentioned that a program coordinator will be hired to help manage the internal clinician, manage referrals, and help leverage the EAP and insurance
- Work is also taking place with SelectHealth to define what is covered with insurance and creating educational materials on behavioral health utilization to provide to personnel
- A third-party consultant has also been hired to review the current program with the goal to streamline and restructure the program and bolster what resources we currently have
- Board Members expressed their happiness that the program is utilized

5. Operations Report

- OC Russell provided the report on incident response
- Wildland
 - Crews have been doing project work with the Fuels Crew in BCC

- They will go back on the board for one more assignment before the season ends
- Camp Williams is fully staffed and working through the end of October where they will then disband until May 2024
- Special Operations
 - New Heavy Rescue Tech Madison Fivas was promoted and will be working out of Station 121
 - There are 2 open Hazardous Materials Tech positions and promotional testing is taking place
- OC Russel provided a crew response highlight

6. SWOC Analysis

- Captain Quinn worked with the Board Members on feedback for the Strategic Plan
- 6 community meetings and a Public Safety partner agency meeting were held

7. Fire Chief Report

- Canyon Contribution
 - Chief Burchett provided an update to the ongoing discussions
 - Last week at the SLCo Council Meeting, they voted to include the west range; Butterfield and Yellow Fork canyons in the recreation area
 - The discussion is continuing for consideration of Parley's Canyon
 - Council Member Stewart noted that SLCo is formalizing a policy on recreation funds
 - Chief Burchett feels this is a good step and plans to work toward consideration of Parley's Canyon for inclusion
 - Further conversation was had regarding Parley's Canyon, Alta, and Brighton
 - Council Member Harris asked why Emigration is not being considered for funding
 - Council Member Harris pointed out that Emigration Canyon is in the top 10 most heavily used bike routes in the country
 - Deputy Mayor Kanter clarified that the reason Emigration and other canyons have not been included in the past was that the original recreation concept was created to intentionally address Brighton
 - Council Member Stewart indicated that the SLCo Council has expanded eligibility to other areas and could consider anywhere within SLCo
 - Deputy Mayor Kanter clarified that no jurisdiction will be entitled to any monies from the General Fund until SLCo approves that jurisdiction, there is no auto-allowance for General Fund dollars
- IT Transition
 - IT Manager Bowden explained the transition from Les Olson to in-house IT managed services
 - Everything is on schedule and on budget
 - All IT positions have been filled and staff is prepared for the transition
 - All Les Olson software is being replaced with internal software and end user device management software
 - The last day of the Les Olson contract is 11/15/23
- EM Director Selection
 - AC Robinson introduced Tara Behunin who was selected as the new Emergency Management Director

8. Closed Session

None

9. Adjournment

Council Member Stewart moved to adjourn the October 17, 2023 meeting
Council Member Perry seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council Member Kathleen Bailey
Council Member Chrystal Butterfield
Council Member Catherine Harris
Mayor Robert Dahle
Mayor Kristie Overson
Council Member Allan Perry
Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter
Council Member Jared Henderson

Council Member Tish Buroker
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Mayor Roger Bourke
Mayor Tom Westmoreland Council Member
Sheldon Stewart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member Trish Hull
Mayor Marcus Stevenson
Mayor Dan Knopp
Mayor Mike Weichers

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Dominic Burchett
CFO Tony Hill

CLO Brian Roberts
Cynthia Young, Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Aaron Whitehead
Anthony Widdison
Bill Brass
Brad Patterson, Zions
Brian Case
Calogero Ricotta
Casey Bowden
Chad Simons
David Chipman
Debbie Cigarroa
Embret Fossum
Jay Torgersen
Jill Tho
Kate Turnbaugh
Keith Zuspan, Brighton
Kelly Bird
Kiley Day
Kiyoshi Young
Krystal Griffin
Kyle Maurer, Herriman
Lana Burningham
Lee Ascarte
Michael Greensides

Nile Easton
Patrick Costin
Rachel Anderson
Riley Pilgrim
Rob Ayres
Shelli Fowlks
Steve Ball
Steve Quinn
Tara Behunin
Tim Tingey, CWH
Tua Tho
Zach Robinson