



**Renton Regional Fire Authority**  
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## **MINUTES**

### **RFA Governance Board Special Meeting: Benefit Charge Appeal Review Board**

**5:00 P.M. – Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**Fire Station #13 – 18002 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Renton**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Governance Board Chair Prince called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### *Governance Board Members Present:*

Ed Prince, Chair (City of Renton)  
Ray Barilleaux, Vice Chair (Fire District 25)  
Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)  
Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)  
Armondo Pavone (City of Renton)  
Linda Sartnurak (Nonvoting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

**MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY ABERCROMBIE, BOARD EXCUSED ABSENT BOARD MEMBER PERSSON. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).**

##### *Administrative Staff Present:*

Attorney Brian Snure, Fire Chief Rick Marshall (present via teleconference), Acting Chief Chad Michael, Deputy Chief Roy Gunsolus, Director of Administration Samantha Babich, Fire Marshal Anjela St. John, Administrative Assistant Sheila Madsen, and RFA Board Secretary Rhonda Heyden.

#### **FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE REVIEW BOARD**

The Renton Regional Fire Authority Governing Board reconvened as the Benefit Charge Appeals Review Board pursuant to RCW 52.26.250. The Review Board initially convened on February 27, 2017. This is the second and final public hearing to receive appeals.

Lieutenant Gary Harsh gave a Staff Report/PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the purpose of the public hearing, benefit charge basics, and summary of appeals.

#### **Docketed Appeals:**

Sunnydale LLC, dba Sunnydale Mobile Home Park Appeal, Parcel #1623059022. Walter H. Olsen, Jr., Attorney at Olsen Law Firm PLLC, was present and spoke on behalf of Sunnydale Mobile Home Park. Sunnydale Mobile Home Park does not own the individual mobile homes that make up the mobile home park. Each of the residents own their mobile home and rent a lot from the mobile home park. Mr. Olsen stated that Sunnydale is being charged on structures that it does not own. Further, Mr. Olsen wanted to Board to consider that the residents of the community are low income and senior citizens, which would make them eligible for an exemption to the benefit

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service charge. However, if Sunnydale Mobile Home Park is imposed with the benefit service charge, it would be in a situation where it would have to pass this cost on to its residents without the residents having the ability to seek the exemptions that they would otherwise seek if they had been billed the benefit charge directly.

William Bechtold Appeal, Parcels #0323059202, #0323059022, #0323059060. Appellant was not present at the Benefit Charge Appeal Review Board. All three parcels are apartment projects in the Renton Highlands area. Lieutenant Harsh summarized that Mr. Bechtold is requesting the parcels be assessed using different formulas. Renton Regional Fire Authority Attorney Brian Snure read into the record a letter of March 6, 2017 from William Bechtold to Renton Regional Fire Authority Appeals. Within the letter, Mr. Bechtold discussed the computation formula for discounts and choices of determining the benefit charge.

### Other Appeals:

There were not any other appellants present to address the Benefit Charge Appeal Review Board.

### DELIBERATIONS: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A 15 minute Executive Session was called at 5:29 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) to meet as a quasi-judicial body to evaluate the benefit charge appeals.

At 5:45 p.m., an additional 30 minutes was requested.

At 6:15 p.m., the Board Members reconvened, at which point the Governance Board Special Meeting continued.

### ACTIONS

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Pavone and **SECONDED** by Board Member Barilleaux to approve the Administrative Adjustments as recommended by staff. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Barilleaux and **SECONDED** by Board Member Pavone to approve all Administrative Denials that were not appealed to the Benefit Charge Review Board as recommended by staff. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Pavone and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie directing staff and legal counsel to prepare a proposed order on the Barbara Downs, Gilroy Family, Micky Porter, Wilson Royer, Ashley Dennis, Sunnydale LLC, and William Bechtold appeals to be presented to the Board for final action during the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**

The Benefit Charge Appeals Review Board recessed until it will be reconvened at the March 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at Fire Station #13 (18002 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Renton).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Pavone and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED (5-0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



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Ed Prince, Board Chair

Recorded by: Rhonda Heyden, RFA Board Secretary