



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

March 18, 2025, 7:30 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order
Quorum present
Chair Weichers called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.
2. Public Comment
None
Public comment was available live and with a posted email address
3. Approval of Minutes
Council Member Hull moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, UFA Board Meeting as submitted
Council Member Stewart seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed
4. Consent Agenda
 - Review of February Disbursements
 - No discussion

Council Member Stewart moved to approve the February disbursements as submitted
Mayor Overson seconded the motion
All voted in favor, none opposed
5. Committee Updates
 - Benefits & Compensation Committee – Chair Silvestrini
 - Meeting held 3/13/25
 - Mayor Silvestrini provided a brief overview of the insurance discussion that took place
 - An RFP for insurance was conducted
 - The Committee and Local 1696 agreed that the small cost differences between vendors was not worth the upheaval of changing health and dental insurance
 - SelectHealth originally proposed a 9.9% increase in health and 5.9% for dental
 - They returned with a 7.5% health increase and 3.8% increase in dental
 - Also discussed was self-funding
 - This has not been evaluated per Mayor Silvestrini, but with the 5% contingency model, to some extent it mimics a self-insured program
 - Governance Committee – No Chair
 - Next meeting 4/24/25
 - Finance Committee – Chair Henderson
 - Next meeting 4/10/25

6. Operations Report

- AC Dern presented the report from last month
 - There are 6,049 calls YTD
 - Calls are up 117 from February 2024 to 2,890 incidents February 2025
- Incident Highlight
 - An apartment fire in Midvale displaced 50 residents
 - Due to the great work from crews, there was minimal damage to the buildings and no public or personnel injuries
- Recruit Camp
 - Camp 59 is 7-weeks into the 16-week camp
 - Camp began 2/1, there are 33 remaining Firefighters from the original 35
 - The group is progressing well and their skills are coming along as expected
- Staffing Update
 - Mandatory staffing numbers have improved from last year
 - Providing two camps per year has made an impact on personnel numbers and vacancies are filled quickly
 - Currently we have over hired by 20 Firefighters (including recruits) but will drop to 5 over hires by 6/3 when the new Eagle Mountain apparatus is put into service
 - At the August camp, there will be 20 hired to fill vacancies and staff the opening of the Kearns Station 107
 - January 2024, there were .4 mandatories daily and .7 in February
 - January 2025, there was a drop to .2 and in February .1
 - There were only 4 mandatories last month
 - It is anticipated that mandatory numbers will increase in the upcoming summer months with increases in vacation time
- Ladder 253 Update
 - Ladder 253 will be staffed 6/3 with a 4-handed crew
 - As a reminder, the UFSA Board approved staffing of two additional apparatus, one in Eagle Mountain and the other Kearns
 - Station 107 in Kearns is expected to be staffed later this year or the first of next

7. Fire Chief Report

- Legislative Close-Out – Dave Spatafore/Ashley Mirabelli
 - An overview of bills on the watchlist were discussed
 - This was an extremely busy year
 - Ashley reminded the Board that not all bills are directly related to UFA, but to the fire service statewide
 - Much discussion was had with Wildland HB48 where monies will be directed to the SLCo
 - Deputy Mayor Kanter stated that SLCo is prepared to take that responsibility, but there is a lot of work yet to do, however, the bill doesn't go into affect until 1/1/26 which allows time to figure out the details
 - SB267 Public Safety Labor Amendments and SB65 FF Cancer Amendments were also discussed
 - Dave Spatafore appreciates the opportunity and relationships that allow for them to continue work that is beneficial for employees, the fire service, and the public
- Bomb Squad Accreditation
 - Division Chief Larson stated that the FBI completed the reaccreditation of the UFA Bomb Squad
 - This is a 5-year accreditation that confirms that our squad meets the highest standards of readiness

- Fire Marshal Position
 - Chief Burchett welcomed and introduced the new Fire Marshal Wade Watkins
 - FM Watkins was promoted from Battalion Chief

8. Closed Session

Council Member Fotheringham moved to temporarily recess the meeting to convene in a closed session to discuss matters as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205 and, at the conclusion of the closed session, to adjourn this meeting

Mayor Silvestrini seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

Bailey	Y	Hull	Y
Bourke	-	Kanter	Y
Buroker	Y	Knopp	Y
Butterfield	-	Overson	Y
Fotheringham	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Gettel	Y	Stewart	Y
Harris	Y	Weichers	Y
Henderson	-	Westmoreland	Y
Huish	Y		

Mayor Silvestrini moved to conclude the closed meeting and adjourn the March 18, 2025 UFA Board Meeting

Council Member Hull seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

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Henderson	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Huish	Y		

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council Member Kathleen Bailey
 Council Member Chrystal Butterfield
 Council Member Catherine Harris
 Council Member Paul Fotheringham
 Council Member Trish Hull
 Mayor Dustin Gettel
 Mayor Dan Knopp
 Council Member Sheldon Stewart
 Mayor Tom Westmoreland
 Council Member Jared Henderson

Mayor Kristie Overson
 Mayor Mike Weichers
 Council Member Tyler Huish
 Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter
 Council Member Tish Buroker
 Mayor Jeff Silvestrini

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Roger Bourke

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Dominic Burchett

CFO Tony Hill

CLO Brian Roberts

Cynthia Young, Clerk

ATTENDEES:

AC Robinson
AC Dern
Aaron Whitehead
Adam Miller
Adam Park
Anthony Widdison
Ashley Mirabelli
Ben Porter
Ben Reeves
Bill Brass
Bryan Case
Calogero Ricotta
Casey Bowden
Cheri Jackson, Millcreek
Chris Cawley
Chris Stavros, SLCo
Courtney Samuel
Dan DeVoogd
Dave Spatafore
David C.
Debbie Cigarroa
Embret Fossum
Japheth McGee
Jared Gerber
Jay Torgersen
Jill Tho
John Self
Jon Wilde
Kate Turnbaugh
Kelly Bird
Ken Aldridge
Kristen Trivison
Krystal Griffin
Kyoshi Young
Lana Burningham
Lee Ascarte
Mike Greensides
Mike Jemmett
Moir Gray
Molly Doyle
Molly McClelland

Nathan Kay
Nichole Holdaway
Nile Easton
Paul Larson
Rachel Anderson
Richard Rich
Riley Pilgrim
Rob Ayres
Scott McNeil
Shelli Fowlks
Station 101
Station 118
Station 125
Steve Prokopis
Steve Quinn
Tara Behunin
Tawnee McCay
Tony Barker
Travis Hobbs
Tyler Lintz
Wade Russell
Wade Watkins