



## UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

September 17, 2024, 7:30 a.m.

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

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1. Call to Order  
Quorum present  
Chair Weichers called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 August 20, 2024, UFA Board Meeting as submitted  
Mayor Knopp seconded the motion  
All voted in favor, none opposed
4. Consent Agenda
  - Review of August Disbursements
    - No discussion

Mayor Knopp moved to approve the August disbursements as submitted  
Mayor Overson seconded the motion  
All voted in favor, none opposed
5. Committee Updates
  - Benefits & Compensation Committee – Chair Silvestrini
    - No meeting held
  - Governance Committee – No current Chair
    - No meeting held
  - Finance Committee – Chair Henderson
    - No meeting held
6. Consideration of Tanker Donation from Brenntag Pacific – OC Russell
  - Brenntag Pacific is a distribution company out of Ogden
  - This tanker has been professionally cleaned and has been in their surplus for 8-years
  - This is an invaluable tool for HazMat and Heavy Rescue essential skills training
  - Currently there is only one tanker prop in the state, therefore, training takes place once per year, having this will allow for unlimited training access for UFA crews
  - The tanker has been inspected and is fully operational as a training prop and can safely be move from Ogden
  - The value is \$5,500 and must be approved by the Board
  - No Questions

Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve the acceptance of the tanker donation from Brenntag Pacific as discussed

Council Member Hull seconded the motion

All voted in favor, none opposed

## 7. Operations Report

- AC Dern presented the report from last month
  - There were 3,321 incidents last month, up 101 from last year
  - 242,196 YTD incidents
  - AC Dern clarified that Good Intent calls include those cancelled enroute, 451 this past month
- Incident Highlight
  - The crew of ML106 received recognition and a Fire Chief coin for outstanding work on a call in Millcreek
    - Captain Jared Wayman, Engineer Mike Swenson, PM Priscilla Nielsen, and FF Kayla Schafer
- Medical Division – DC Ayres
  - DC Ayres provided an update on what the Medical Division’s role at UFA is and current projects and work taking place
  - In addition to training all Operations personnel and maintaining licensure, they are responsible for maintaining medical protocols and managing controlled substances
  - The Medical Division is working closely with the SLCo Health Department to develop a referral program wherein crews help connect patients with the resources that SLCo has available
  - The Division is also working with the U of U Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT), to prevent mental health crises and connect individuals to additional resources

## 8. Fire Chief Report

- Behavioral Health Grant Update – AC Pilgrim
  - UFA was awarded \$275,000 from the state to improve our current program
  - Chief Burchett clarified that his direction was to ensure the program was sustainable once funding ended, and the process was not dependent on one person
  - A PT Behavioral Health Program Manager position was created to act as a liaison to the in-house clinician and to make referrals to resources outside of the organization
    - This was one of the biggest changes with the grant
  - The majority of the grant monies allowed for the hiring of an external Behavioral Health Consultant directed to improve and guide our current program
    - Peer Support member training takes place monthly
    - Evaluations conducted to ensuring that our program is on the right path
    - The consultant also acted as a support for our in-house clinician who originally had no wellness support himself
    - UFA now has one of the best fire agency programs in the state
  - Council Member Hull asked if there was ample funding to keep going
    - Chief Burchett clarified that we have enough trained peer support individuals to respond to stations when the crews feel they need support following an incident
- Entry Level Testing Update – HR Director Day
  - HR Director Day provided an update on the number of candidates who applied, signed up for the written exam, attended the exam, and are currently in the background portion
  - Chief Burchett noted that this year, at the request of the Labor Group, more individuals were interviewed

- 151 candidates, compared to between 80-90 the previous year, were interviewed
  - The number was a little too much, but did meet the intent of what Labor requested
- Clean for Dirty Turnout Program Update – DC Greensides
  - This program is the beginning of a culture shift resulting from the realization that dirty turnouts contribute to cancer
  - DC Greensides noted that some other departments have two sets of turnouts for each employee, however, this is expensive for UFA due to our size
  - Currently, new turnouts are stored at Logistics and delivered to the stations
  - A new vehicle is in the budget that can store 150 sets of gear for exchange ability on scene following an incident
  - Chief Burchett stressed that this culture shift from the badge-of-honor dirty gear to clean will result in a huge benefit in years to come
    - This program is at the core of his commitment to focus on employee health and wellness
  - Mayor Silvestrini agrees that this culture shift is a good thing
- International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Fallen Firefighter Memorial Event
  - Chief Burchett, BC Aldridge, DC Prokopis, and the Honor Guard and Pipes & Drum will be in attendance
  - This is an annual event honoring line of duty deaths and Chief Burchett is attending this year in honor of Captain Matt Hambleton who passed in 2023

9. Closed Session

Mayor Silvestrini 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 the meeting

Council Member Hull seconded the motion

Roll call vote taken

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

Deputy Mayor Kanter left the meeting

Conclusion of Closed Session and Adjournment of Meeting – Chair Weichers

Mayor Silvestrini moved to conclude the closed meeting and adjourn the September 17, 2024, UFA Board Meeting

Council Member Hull seconded the motion

## Roll call vote taken

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Harris	Y	Weichers	Y
Henderson	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Huish	Y		
Hull	Y		
Kanter	-		
Hartman	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 Marcus Stevenson  
Mayor Dan Knopp  
Mayor Kristie Overson

Mayor Mike Weichers  
Council Member Tyler Huish  
Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter  
Council Member Tish Buroker  
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini  
Mayor Tom Westmoreland  
Council Member Jared Henderson

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Mayor Roger Bourke

## STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Dominic Burchett  
CFO Tony Hill

CLO Brian Roberts  
Cynthia Young, Clerk

## OTHER ATTENDEES:

AC Dern  
AC Pilgrim  
OC Russell  
Anthony Barker  
Bill Brass  
Brad Larson  
Brian Anderton  
Brian Buckhout  
Calogero Ricotta  
Casey Bowden  
Chandler Kingsbury  
Chris Cawley  
Courtney Samuel  
Debbie Cigarroa  
Embret Fossum

Erica Langenfass  
Erik VanDuren  
Jared Gerber, CWH  
Jay Torgersen  
Jill Tho  
Jon Wilde  
Kate Turnbaugh  
Kelly Bird  
Kiley Day  
Kiyoshi Young  
Lana Burningham  
Mike Bagley  
Mike Greensides  
Mike Swenson  
Molly Swenson

Nate Bogenschutz  
Nile Easton  
Patrick Costin  
Paul Story  
Priscilla Nielsen  
Rachel Anderson, UFSA  
Reid Demman, SLCo  
Richie Rich  
Rob Ayres  
Shelli Fowlks  
Steve Prokopis  
Steve Quinn  
Tara Behunin  
Tua Tho  
Val Greensides