

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8
Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting**



MEETING MINUTES

October 31, 2022, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and accessible on Zoom. Chair Lee Boling called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, District Secretary Carol Trescott, members of the District and a member of the community. Commissioner Boling and Commissioner Hesse were in attendance electronically.

New Business: State of Washington Emergency Proclamation 21-14 and 21-14.1

Chief Rash announced the purpose of the special meeting was in regard to the State of Washington Emergency order for vaccinations relative to current and future employees.

The Chief said in December of 2021, the Board of Fire Commissioners adopted Resolution 21-08 which established vaccination requirements for Spokane County Fire District 8 members. After a legal review of Resolution 21-08, legal counsel advised that the resolution as written will no longer be in effect or enforceable after October 31, 2022. Chief Rash provided the commissioners with a copy of the resolution which specifically states that it shall be in effect only to the extent required by Proclamation 21-14.1, as it may be updated and amended. Legal counsel made a recommendation that the Board recognize the end of the state of emergency order and determine if, as allowed by law and as an employer, the Fire District has an interest in continuing the vaccination requirement for current and new employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Boling: Move to acknowledge the end of the state emergency order for vaccination requirements and no longer require Spokane County Fire District 8 current and future members to be vaccinated, unless there is a change in the future; and, authorize the Fire Chief to work on a letter of understanding with Local 3711. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Local 3711 president, Blaine Holman, thanked everyone for coming together to ensure the issue was done correctly and the commissioners for their continued support.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:05 pm Commissioner Boling adjourned the regular meeting.

Lee C. Boling, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary