

Special Called Meeting of the Dallas Civil Service Board

Present:

Chair Anita Childress, Vice-Chair Sidney J. Miller, Jeff Bryan, Flora Hernandez, Albert Turner, Sharon Van Sell

Absent:

Johnny Clark

Attendees:

Keith Allen, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Marcus Armstrong, President – Dallas Black Firefighter’s Association
Louie Bright, Chief – Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Eric Campbell, Assistant City Manager
Doug Dickerson, President Dallas Firefighter’s Association
Daniel Salazar, Assistant Chief – Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Civil Service Department Staff:

Michelle Hanchard, Assistant Director
Patricia Marsolais, Secretary to the Board
Pamela McDonald, Manager - Examining and Recruitment Division

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CONSIDER REQUEST TO EXTEND THE FIRE-RESCUE OPERATIONS BATTALION CHIEF LIST

The Board considered Chief Bright’s request to extend the Fire Operations Battalion Chief list for another 90 days after its expiration on January 2, 2015. In his comments explaining the request, the Chief related the need for the extension to the tragic death of a firefighter in a motel fire. An investigation was conducted into the events at the fire, and recommendations were made on how the department can improve its processes to keep personnel safe at a fire scene. One recommendation was to establish a dedicated safety officer who responds to every fire. This would include potentially promoting six additional Battalion Chiefs. By extending the list the Chief will have the needed time to consider and implement this recommendation.

The Board voted unanimously to extend the list.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

(A complete transcription of this meeting is available)



ATTESTED



APPROVED