

# **SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE**

## **KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 599**

#### **A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue (aka KCFPD #39), King County, Washington, Authorizing Open Public Board Meetings to include Remote Participation by One or More Commissioners**

**WHEREAS**, technology is available to allow participation of a commissioner(s) in an open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue, under circumstances when the commissioner(s) cannot be physically present in the meeting room; and

**WHEREAS**, on occasion it will be in the best interest of the district and its citizens to allow participation by a commissioner(s) from a remote location, so long as the technology is available to allow such remote commissioner(s) to be heard when they speak to those assembled; and

**WHEREAS**, circumstances may arise due to local, state and/or federal emergencies as declared by the President of the United States, State Governor and or local elected leaders that limit in person meetings and would allow for hybrid meetings; such as health or other emergencies ie; Pandemic, Natural or manmade disaster and the like; and

**WHEREAS**, the general public may still participate in any open public meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners via electronic means or in person at the designated meeting place of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1:** The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby authorizes remote participation by electronic means by a Commissioner(s) if such Commissioner(s) cannot be physically present for a meeting, subject to the conditions stated herein. Such Commissioner(s) shall be counted toward the quorum requirement, so long as he/she continues to participate in the meeting. Such Commissioner(s) shall be entitled to vote, make motions, and discuss district business just as if he/she were physically present.

**Section 2:** Such remote electronic participation is allowed, but only if the proper technology is utilized to ensure that persons physically attending the meeting can hear (or see and hear) the remote participant(s).

**Section 3.** Such participating Commissioner(s) shall obtain permission to so participate, in advance, from the Chair or acting Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

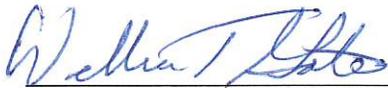
**Section 4.** To avoid confusion, no more than four (4) Commissioners at a time may utilize this procedure for remote electronic participation. At least one (1) commissioner shall be in person attendance at the designated Board Meeting Location along with the Board Secretary along with any citizens who may be attending the meeting.

**Section 5.** This procedure is not to be used simply because a commissioner does not desire to attend the meeting in person. It shall be limited to legitimate instances such as travel out of the district, sickness, quarantine, or other legitimate reasons why a Commissioner cannot be physically present but is otherwise able to participate in the meeting. Therefore, the Chair has the authority to deny the request if no legitimate reason is given for not physically attending.

**Section 6.** The Commissioner(s) participating shall be deemed to be present, not absent, for the meeting, and are therefore entitled to the normal compensation pursuant to RCW 52.14.010, unless a proper waiver of compensation is filed with the Board Secretary for the meeting.

**Section 7:** This resolution shall be deemed to amend the current Board Resolution pertaining to the conduct of Board meetings and comply with current Board of Fire Commissioner Guidelines.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2021, with the following Commissioners being present and voting.



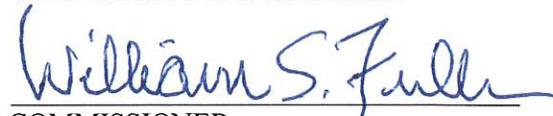
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VICE CHAIR/COMMISSIONER



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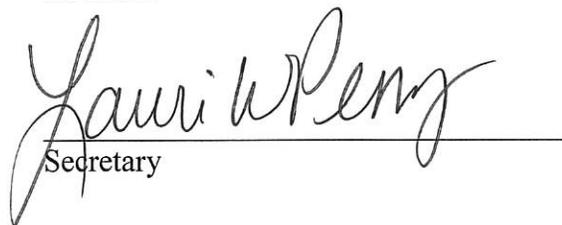


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ATTEST:

  
Secretary