

Kachemak Emergency Service Area

Board Meeting Final Minutes

Thursday – May 15, 2025

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Station 1- 53048 Ashwood Ave

(Available Via Zoom)

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 858 8515 2001

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call** Serio, Martin, Kirko, Blad. Crane – absent -excused. Schultz
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Public Comments** none
- E. Correspondence** none
- F. Approval of Agenda** Kirko/Martin
- G. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting April 24, 2025** Kirko/Martin
- H. Chief's Report** Call volume 77, about where we were last year. New Deputy Chief will start June 2. Fire Officer class in progress, will test on Monday. FF-1 just finished. Hazmat class in progress. FF-2 will start in June. FF-1 was group effort with KESA, Homer, West. FO is group effort. Hazmat is group effort with all 3 departments. West is hosting FF-2, will be group effort. Lots of cooperation amongst the departments. We have enough data to make a good comparison on response times. This past six-month period (October 5 to April 5) "Dispatch notified to unit en route" (which includes some processing time in comm center) time is average 4.66 minutes. Same period from 2022 and 2023 was 14.3 and 13.41 minutes. Tremendous increase in level of service – on the road average of 10 minutes faster. Budget presentation for Assembly next Tuesday 5/20. Serio – who is new deputy? Ron Hordon from lower 48; has strong background in EMS and fire. Martin – status of station 2? Schultz was there yesterday looking at trucks, equipment; still good. Current call volume is actually 78 re: call out of station 2 this morning. "Pride of the West Side." Serio – when does new deputy start? June 2. Saw job posting on borough's website and applied.
- I. Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Bylaws review** Martin – they have been reviewed and vetted. Martin/Kirko move to approve and accept. No opposition.
 - b.**

J. New Business

a. Shift event – Schultz – FY26 has shift event if volunteers want to come hang out, they can get a stipend. Question was if we can start that now before the start of the fiscal year. Kirko – is there money in budget now to start that? Schultz – yes. Kirko – how does that work? Same as with Western? Schultz – yes. Fifty dollars for about eight hours; they can hang out, help staff trucks. Kirko – motion to approve having the stipend available starting tomorrow morning for shift work. Blad second. No opposition. Schultz – this would not necessarily be every single shift, just as people are available. Serio – will all volunteers know this is an option? Schultz – they will. Kirko – will they all be at station 1 or can they be at the “pride side” (station 2)? Schultz – they can be at either. Kirko – would love to see people at that station.

K. Comments of the Audience none

L. Board Comments, Announcements, Future Agenda Items Kirko – has been a pleasure to do FO class with everybody. Martin – how many people? Kirko – eight to start with and should graduate all eight. Same with FF-1; lost one person due to illness matters. All of KESA’s folks are still in it. Schultz – yes. There were a couple who were not able to test on that Saturday but will get finished. Kirko – good cooperation; love working with everybody. Serio – comment as board member and member of the community – station wise, how are things progressing and how are people getting along? Schultz – change can be difficult for folks. Transitioned from M-F 8-5 to 24-hour coverage so the whole dynamic changed. It’s getting used to schedule and working with people. Response times are fabulous, which is a metric we look at. It’s going well. Serio – as member of the community I wanted to make sure everybody is working together. Martin – according to paper, Micciche said we didn’t go up by more than 2.5% - did we get what we wanted? Schultz – yes, some small adjustments but right close to what we had asked for. Mil rate actually went down. Martin – borough’s rate went down, not ours. Schultz – KESA’s mil rate went down because property values have gone up. A couple of service areas went down. Serio – that doesn’t need board approval? Blad – not to go down. Martin – with construction does not seem surprising. Serio – with Ralph (Crane) leaving there will be open spot. That’s an announcement I think. Kirko – did he send official resignation to board? Martin – sent email to everybody (that he was going to resign). Kirko – can we ask him for official resignation letter? Serio – will ask him. He was going to send out bylaws. How many board members should we have? Martin – five. Serio – any future agenda items? No.

M. Date and Time of Next Meeting June 19, 2025 at 1800. Kirko - Ralph was doing all of our secretary stuff.

N. Adjournment 1820 Blad/Kirko

Minutes approved: Randall Blad Date: 6-19-25

KESA Board Representative