

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE ROCHESTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

On the fourteenth day of November, 2022, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Fire Protection District was held at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice, 700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois. In attendance were the Trustees of the District: Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Ritterbusch, Trustee McBride, Trustee Spurgeon and Trustee Johnson. Also present were members of the Public.

The first item of business was the taking of the roll call. All Trustees present and a quorum was established.

The next item of business was New Business.

1. Discuss how the Board should proceed to select an individual to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees due to the upcoming resignation of Karen Ritterbusch and to take action with respect to the same, if necessary, including the adoption of a resolution memorializing the procedure. President McBride informed the Board that due to Trustee Ritterbusch's resignation, (effective November 17, 2022), he would like to convene a special meeting to appoint Andrew Beck to fill the vacant Board position. He would also welcome any suggestions from the other Trustees. Unfortunately, a member of the public began repeatedly interrupting the meeting, calling into question the Board's authority to make multiple appointments in a short period of time. He also wondered about the integrity of the Board. After some back and forth, he calmed down enough for the meeting to continue. Finally a consensus was reached and a motion was made by President McBride to interview all interested candidates at a special meeting on November 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was Public Comment. Diana Fairchild stated that she had a conversation with the Sangamon County Director of Elections who informed Ms. Fairchild that to avoid anymore appointments to vacant Board seats in the near future, it would be beneficial to have at least one candidate for each vacant Board seat. Bob Chiles, when called upon, continued to take the Board to task for the number of appointments it had made. After a good deal of back and forth discussion, it became clear that no reasonable agreement could be concluded. President McBride called an end to the Public Comment Section. Trustee Fairchild asked to have a discussion about special meetings held at the December meeting. President McBride said he would put that item on the agenda. A motion to adjourn by Trustee Ritterbusch and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was Announcements. President McBride announced that the next regular Board meeting will be December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Secretary

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