



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes – January 15, 2025**

These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were considered.

SPECIAL SESSION – AGENDA – 12:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Ploetz called to order the special meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 12:00 pm at the “Smart Space” conference room located at 450 South Melrose Drive, Vista CA.

a. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Fougner, Miller, Ploetz

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager; Bret Davidson, Deputy Chief; and Christopher Cardinale, Legal Counsel

a. Open Discussion with the Board (Public Comment)

No one requested to speak to the Board.

b. District Business

a. *Interview – Board of Director Vacancy*

Mr. Cardinale reported that the Administrative Manager received on Saturday, January 11, 2025 a request from Daniel Gomez to be considered as an applicant for the board vacancy. He reported that she informed the resident that the request was after the deadline (January 9, 2025 at 3pm) and could not be considered.

Staff informed the board that an application for the vacant position on the Board of Directors had been received. The applicant, Mr. Jerry Hill, was present at the meeting to provide an overview of his qualifications and answer any questions from the board.

Mr. Hill summarized his interest in serving on the Board of Directors, highlighting his relevant experience, skills, and commitment to serving the community. He provided an overview of his professional background and how he could potentially assist the District. He responded to questions from the board members.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, and CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to appoint Mr. Jerome (Jerry) Hill to serve the unexpired term of the vacant at large position, until the next general election, November 2026.

President Ploetz recessed the meeting at 12:12 pm to await the arrival of the Notary.

President Ploetz reconvened the meeting at 12:25.

b. Oath of Office

The following member was sworn-in as a member of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors for terms prescribed by law:

Jerome (Jerry) Hill – At-Large (unexpired term)

Angie LaCarte, Notary Public, administered the *Oath of Allegiance*.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the following section, the board met in closed session from 12:30 – 12:55 pm, and discussed the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c)

Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.

Number of potential cases: One

All board members (Elliott, Fougner, Hill, Miller, Ploetz) listed, Administrative Manager Rannals and Chris Cardinale (Legal Counsel) attended and participated in the discussion.

Upon reconvening, legal counsel reported that direction was provided to staff and that there was no reportable action taken by the Board.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Ploetz adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.



Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk



John Ploetz
President