



**KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT MEETING MINUTES WITH
KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

DATE/TIME: November 7, 2024 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington (and hybrid)

PRESENT: KFPD: President Levine, Vice President Madugo,
Secretary Artis, Director Stein, Director Watt
Staff: General Manager Mary Morris-Mayorga

KPPCSD: Vice-President Aquino-Fike, Director Duggan, Director Gough,
Director Hacaj, and President Spath.
Staff: Interim General Manager David Aranda
Clerk of the Board Lynelle M. Lewis

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Kensington Police Protection & Community District (KPPCSD) Board President David Spath called to order the joint meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. Meeting Purpose (00:05:15)

KPPCSD President Spath provided context for the meeting purpose.

3. Public Comments (00:07:32)

Addressing the Board were the following persons: 1) Steve Bates commented on the KFPD building; 2) Linda Lipscomb encouraged working together for the betterment of the community; 3) Catherine de Neergaard expressed reservations about consolidation; 4) Pat Gillette asked about the attendance [6 in person, 22 online]; 5) [name not given] asked about advantages/disadvantages of consolidation; and 6) Meryl Rafferty asked about having administrative staff at the fire building citing in a letter written by KFPD Director Stein.

4. Presentation of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and Kensington Fire Protection District Consolidation Fiscal Study (Ridgeline). (00:17:57)

Dmitry Semenov, Principal Municipal Strategies, presented the Consolidated Study and fielded questions for the Boards as well as the public (i.e. completion date, CalPERS costs, staffing for consolidated district, funding, board governance, revenue).

Addressing the Board were the following persons: 1) Gail Feldman asked how the combined district's debt service would impact property taxes; 2) Linda Lipscomb commented that the combined income will be the same and spent on one town's needs; 3) Steve commented on the costs of the consolidation; 4) Meryl Rafferty supported the work on consolidation; 5) Candy Capogrossi commented that based on a KPOA survey, the majority of people support consolidation; and 6) David Fike congratulated the boards on taking up the issue of consolidation.

Moved/Seconded: KPPCSD Director Hacaj / Director Duggan
Action: Approve to accept the Ridgeline final report that includes the consolidated District's fiscal analysis **Ayes:** Directors Aquino-Fike, Duggan, Gough, Hacaj and Spath **Noes:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

Moved/Seconded: KFPD Director Artis / Vice President Madugo
Action: Approve to accept the Ridgeline final report that includes the consolidated District's fiscal analysis **Ayes:** President Levine, Vice President Madugo, Secretary Artis **Noes:** Director Stein, Director Watt **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

5. **Approve to Hold A Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 11th at 10 A.M. at the Kensington Community Center to Present the Joint Fiscal Study to the Community.**
(02:31:46)

There was a consensus by the both boards to hold a town hall meeting on January 11, 2025. Dmitry Semenov noted that updated assumptions in the fiscal analysis would include a CalPERS disclaimer and a corrected assumed consolidation date of July 1, 2025. The report will also include a disclaimer that this information is solely for the purposes of analysis.

6. **Discussion of Next Steps** (02:41:34)

President Levine created an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of himself and Director Artis to work with the Ad Hoc Committee of the KPPCSD to discuss the concrete and high level conceptual overview of what consolidation would look like, what are the steps entailed to bring to the Board for making an informed decision and to hear from the community. The committee will last no longer than nine months from today.

Moved/Seconded: KPFD President Levine / Vice President Madugo
Action: Approve that staff assist the ad hoc committee in whatever capacity is necessary to carry out its work **Ayes:** President Levine, Vice President Madugo, Secretary Artis, Director Watt **Noes:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

Moved/Seconded: KPPCSD Director Duggan / Director Gough
Action: Approve that staff assist the ad hoc committee in moving ahead with all that is needed for consolidation **Ayes:** Directors Aquino-Fike, Duggan, Gough, Hacaj and Spath **Noes:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Raychel Jackson and Mary Morris-Mayorga

These minutes were approved at the Board Meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on _____

Attest:

Secretary of the Board