

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Special Meeting

Special Meeting 10:45 a.m.

Call to Order [TS 2:21]

President Aquino-Fike called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

Roll Call [TS 2:28]

Director Cassandra Duggan, Vice-President Sarah Gough, Director Sylvia Hacaj, Director David Spath, and President Alexandra Aquino-Fike were present at roll call.

Staff present included Interim General Manager David Aranda and Clerk of the Board Lynelle M. Lewis.

Special Meeting Agenda Item Public Comments [TS 2:49]

- Addressing the Board was John Gaccione who thanked Ann Danforth for her years of service as KPPCSD General Counsel and wished her the best in retirement.

Discussion and Action

1. **Approval to accept The Renne Public Law Group's, with Ann Danforth as General Counsel, resignation from serving as General Counsel for KPPCSD.** [TS 4:51]

On September 22, 2023 General Counsel Ann Danforth submitted her resignation to the Board as General Counsel of KPPCSD.

- Motion by Director Duggan, seconded by Director Spath, to accept The Renne Public Law Group's, with Ann Danforth as General Counsel, resignation from serving as General Counsel for KPPCSD, carried (5-0) by voice vote.
2. **Approval to ratify the two agreements with Best Best & Krieger (BBK) to serve both as special counsel for CalPERS pension and as General Counsel.** [TS 9:34]

Director Hacaj commented that the KPPCSD policies and procedures require that contracts over \$5,000 come to the entire Board for approval prior to being signed, that the agreements should have been reviewed by outside counsel rather than BBK, and that the Board should have been provided more background on the firm. Director Spath pointed out a couple administrative errors that needed to be corrected in Exhibit A. President Aquino-Fike commented that this practice is fairly common in the legal field especially in light of the urgency of matters facing the Board and the need for a new general counsel. Director

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Duggan asked about costs and attendance at board meeting. Interim General Manager Aranda relayed his experience with BBK.

- Motion by Vice-President Gough, seconded by Director Duggan, to approve and ratify the two agreements with Best Best and Krieger to serve both as special counsel for CalPERS pension and as general counsel, carried (5-0) by voice vote.

Adjourn to Closed Session [[TS 24:25](#)]

3. At 11:09 a.m. the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss public employee appointment (Gov't. Code Sec. 54957); Title: General Manager.

Announcements from Closed Session [[TS 1:01:15](#)]

At 11:45 a.m. President Aquino-Fike announced that there were no reportable items from closed session.

Adjournment [[TS 1:01:28](#)]

President Aquino-Fike adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Lynelle M. Lewis, District Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: October 12, 2023

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David Aranda

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David Aranda, Interim General Manager

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Alexandra Aquino-Fike, President of the Board

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