

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Special Joint Meeting with
Kensington Fire Protection District
Thursday, November 7, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** [\[TS 4:30\]](#)

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

KPPCSD Board members present included: Vice-President Aquino-Fike, Director Duggan, Director Gough, Director Hacaj, and President Spath.

Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) Board members present: Director Artis, Vice-President Madugo, Director Stein, Director Watt, and President Levine.

Staff present: KPPCSD Interim General Manager David Aranda (online), General Manager Mary Morris-Mayorga (online), and KPPCSD Clerk of the Board Lynelle M. Lewis.

2. **Meeting Purpose** [\[TS 5:15\]](#)

KPPCSD President Spath provided context for the meeting purpose.

3. **Public Comments** [\[TS 7:32\]](#)

- 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 a 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). [\[TS 17:57\]](#)

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).

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- [\[TS 2:16:02\]](#) 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.

Following completion of the presentation and discussion, the Boards voted and each approved the study as follows:

- Motion by KPPCSD Director Hacaj, seconded by Director Duggan, to accept the Ridgeline final report that includes the consolidated district's fiscal analysis, carried (5-0) by the following roll call vote: AYES (Directors Aquino-Fike, Duggan, Gough, Hacaj, and Spath); and NOES (None).
 - Motion by KFPD Director Artis to accept the Ridgeline final report, seconded by Vice-President Madugo, carried by voice vote (3-2) with Directors Stein and Watt voting "No".
5. **Approval 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.** (Aranda/Morris-Mayorga) [\[TS 2:31:46\]](#)

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** [\[TS 2:41:34\]](#)

The Presidents of both Districts will establish an Ad Hoc Committee of each Board to collectively work on a detailed concept of a combined district and identify the procedures for creating such a district. This information will be brought to the respective boards and the community.

- Motion by KFPD President Levine, seconded by KFPD Vice-President Madugo, that staff (i.e. General Manager) assist the ad hoc committee in whatever capacity is necessary to carry out its work, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0).
- Motion by KPPCSD Director Duggan, seconded by KPPCSD Director Gough, that staff (i.e. General Manager) assist the ad hoc committee in moving ahead with all that is needed for consolidation, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote (5-0).

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7. Adjournment [\[TS 2:52:38\]](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. KPPCSD Board President Spath announced that the next regular meeting of the KPPCSD Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024 and the next regular meeting of the KFPD is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Lynelle M. Lewis

Lynelle M. Lewis, District Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: January 9, 2025

Signed by:

David Aranda

David Aranda, Interim General Manager

Signed by:

David Spath

David Spath, President of the Board

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