

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

Board of Commissioners

Special Meeting Minutes January 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Crowley and Commissioners Risley and Kingston were present.

Also Present: Chief David Kuhn, Attorney Troy Ingram, and Mark Waniewski

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Fire Chief Interviews

Chairman Crowley stated that everyone has the same intentions of making sure the interview process, for selection of the next Fire Chief, is done correctly. He reiterated that at this point, the Fire Chief has not been determined or discussed.

Chairman Crowley inquired as to whether anyone felt that he would not insure that the right thing happens all the time and are confident that he will ensure that the process is done correctly.

Chairman Crowley stated that score sheets would be used for the interviews. There was a discussion on how, if there was possibly a tie amongst the board, the tie would be broken. It was determined that the score sheets, throughout the entire process, would be used.

Attorney Ingram cited the Executive Session statute, stating, "Nothing in the paragraph shall permit an executive session for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body". Attorney Ingram stated that only interviews could be done; nothing could be discussed (amongst each other) to rate a candidate, nor show support. After coming out of Executive Session, Attorney Ingram stated that the floor would be open for discussion.

Chairman Crowley stated that he asked Chief Kuhn to remain, in the event that there may be Fire Department technical issues that may need to be answered. He further stated that no questions will be asked of him with the interviewee in the room.

Commissioner Risley stated that they have been so careful about the process, and the perception that anyone has a clear advantage or disadvantage, and stated that she is not comfortable, with anyone, outside of the Commissioners, in the candidate room. It was determined that any questions would be asked in open meeting.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting Fire Chief Interviews. Commissioner Kingston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session convened at 8:18 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:07 p.m. There was no action taken.

Commissioner Risley made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kingston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.