

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pierson called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the main purpose of the meeting was to recess into Executive Session, followed by a discussion about an existing contract for services.

Attendance:

Present: Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Deputy Chief Gary Franz, Administrative Assistant Kathy Hale.

Absent: District Secretary Olivia Werner had an excused absence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Pierson announced an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140, to plan or adopt strategy/positions for collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, to last 30 minutes, with business to follow. The Executive Session was announced as beginning at 5:36 p.m. and ended at 6:06 p.m.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Pierson reconvened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Chief Romines discussed with the Board whether or not the District should continue to use Liberty Benefit as their medical/dental insurance broker. Chief Romines voiced that the majority of work and facilitation of problems have been and are being done in-house already. Also, according to KPS (medical provider) and Principal (dental provider) the District can work directly with them and a broker is not needed. Further discussion was had.

Commissioner Gustafson moved to notify Liberty Benefits Group that effective immediately they would no longer be the Broker of Record for Graham Fire & Rescue. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skaggs inquired about looking into seeking monetary damages from Liberty Benefits due to their deceit about the medical premium increase and how it is impacting our budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Verne M. Pierson, Chairman

Olivia H. Werner, District Secretary