Special Meeting Minutes Spokane Regional Emergency Communications Governing Board March 29, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Cody Rohrbach called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Board Members

Chief Cody Rohrbach (Chair) – Spokane County Fire District 3
Chief Brad Richmond (Vice Chair) – Airway Heights Police Department
Undersheriff Michael Kittilstved – Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Chief Lonnie Rash – Spokane County Fire District 8
Assistant Chief Sean Walter – Spokane Valley Police Department
Chief Frank Soto, Jr. – Spokane Valley Fire Department
Scott Simmons – Spokane County
Gayne Sears – Citizen Representative

<u>Staff</u>

Lori Markham, Executive Director
Dusty Patrick, Technical Services Director
Jeff Tower, Human Resources Manager
Brad Kane, Dispatch Operations Manager
Heather Thompson, 911 Operations Manager
Kelly Conley, Communication and Media Manager
Cherell Yates, Office Manager
Breann Kostelecky, Public Records Specialist

Auxiliary Partners/Guests

Brian Werst, WBM

2. Discussion and Possible Action Item(s)

A. Impact of the deferral and membership status for the Spokane Fire Department Cody Rohrbach stated the meeting would be moved to executive session to discuss.

3. Closed Meeting to Discuss Matters with Legal Counsel Related to Potential Litigation As allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Chair Rohrbach closed the meeting at 8:02 a.m. and estimated the Board would open the meeting in 20 minutes.

At 8:22 a.m. the Board announced the session would be extended 20 minutes.

At 8:42 a.m. the Board announced the session would be extended 20 minutes.

At 9:04 a.m. the Board announced the session would be extended 10 minutes.

The meeting moved to open session at 9:15 a.m.

Brad Richmond stated as we move forward with a regional approach and community service that SREC has taken, the Board is definitely interested in this approach in moving forward with the City of Spokane to serve the citizens of the Spokane County community to the highest level attainable and continue to do so moving forward through these discussions. Cody Rohrbach stated the Board believes we are better together and want to continue to collaborate with the City in an effort towards full regionalization. Lonnie Rash reminded the Board that the decision on the makeup of the SERC Board lies solely with the Spokane Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and that the SREC Board continues to focus on operations, safety and

environment for staff. Lonnie explained he appreciates what the collective agencies are doing in this process in the hopes of expanding this regionalization. Michael Kittilstved agreed with Brad, Cody and Lonnie, that it is about public safety and the community, and anything we can do to solidify these relationships is extremely important. Public safety is number one and needs to be in the forefront, it is expected of us as public servants.

4. Adjourn

Adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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