

Columbia River Fire and Rescue
Civil Service Meeting
270 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051
January 23, 2025
12 p.m.

Staff Present: Chief Eric Smythe, Chief Examiner W. Scott Jorgensen
Commissioners Present: Chair Ricky Linares, Mark Kreutzer and Joel Yarber

Linares called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

New Business: Approve Firefighter Paramedic List

Chief Eric Smythe said five firefighter paramedics are currently in the hiring process and three more are going to be needed. He is asking that the list be approved for interviews can be conducted. There are two firefighter paramedics on the list. Both have gotten passing scores on the National Testing Network examination.

Commissioner Mark Kreutzer moved to approve the list. That motion was seconded by Joel Yarber and adopted unanimously.

Lieutenant Promotional Examination

Smythe said there are two parts of the examination. One is a panel interview conducted with officers from outside agencies in order to ensure objectivity. Nine candidates tested and were given 50 questions consisting of eight primary questions and follow ups. The second part of the examination was a chief's interview consisting of ten questions. The scores from both parts were combined for a total score. Out of the five candidates who passed the exam, Smythe would like to promote four in the following 90 days. He is requesting that the list be approved.

Kreutzer moved to approve the list. That motion was seconded by Yarber and adopted unanimously.

Other Business

Chief Examiner W. Scott Jorgensen said that future Commission meetings will have to be broadcast to the public. Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Linares adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18 at 1 p.m.