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The November 4, 2008 special meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 10:00 A.M. in Suite #112 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Ronald Ayres, with Board Member Ken Boad, Board Member Jay Hughes, Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, and Board Member Martin Spani all appearing by phone. Executive Director Mike Brown (Washington Fire Chiefs), Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews, Executive Secretary Brigette Smith, Confidential Secretary Tracy Thornburg, Payroll and Pension Specialist Irene Keiffer, Claims Analyst Julie Foreman, and Project Manager Dennis Laine (Technology Solutions Group) were also present in person.

### FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mike Brown stated that he had nothing at the time, but may like to speak at the end.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a resolution that, upon adoption of the proposed WAC Chapter 491-03, the Board will begin working with the WSFFA, WFC, and other fire and law enforcement organizations to study the implications of allowing all volunteer fire department members coverage in the Pension Fund. This study would involve determining the anticipated minimum coverage qualification requirements, and what changes, if any, to the Pension Fund and member contributions would have to be made to allow it to remain solvent. The joint study should be completed by December 2010. It was moved by Boad and seconded by Hughes.

Mike Brown asked that the Board consider adding a statement that the Board intended to act upon the study's findings.

After some discussion, it was moved by Spani, seconded by Boad, and carried that the original motion be amended to adopt the resolution with a final sentence stating that "it will be the intent of the Board to take action based upon the recommendation of the study".

### SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their willingness to work together on this issue. He asked that Secretary Smith provide him with copies of the resolution so that he could distribute it to his membership and ask that they support the WAC in light of the adoption of the resolution.

Chair Ayres thanked Mr. Brown for the use of his conference system.

There was a motion by Hughes, seconded by Boad, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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