



# **GOLDEN GATE**

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### **Special GGFPD board meeting at the Grange September 1, 2022 7pm Review of Chief Damian DiFeo's performance Meeting Minutes**

Board members and personnel present - Sheila Carlon, Dave Kinnard, Niffy Ovuworie, Deb Curlee, Steve Green, Mitsu Binns (Admin), Chief Damian DiFeo

Many FFs and community gave different opinions for and against the chief. There were approximately 60 minutes of public comment.

Two main concerns with the Chief's performance were discussed at the meeting:

1. DiFeo's request of FFs made prior to the May 2022 election to quit with him / stage a walk-out if he did not like the election results. When questioned about this the chief denied this. Some board members and the public had personally heard him say this and so did some FFs. This contradiction made some board members lose confidence in the chief.
2. DiFeo had written an email to the board in June 2022 stating he would not reveal what fire regulation and code meetings he has been and plans to attend and wanted the board to stay out of his way concerning these meetings and his participation in the policies created at these meetings.

The above reasons were two main reasons that led to a No Confidence Vote in the chief in August 2022. This September 1, 2022 meeting was a continuation of that meeting.

**2:22:15 Curlee stated the Motion - All in Favor of Terminating Chief DiFeo, seconded by Ovuworie, passes 3 to 2 Curlee, Green and Ovuworie - aye, Kinnard & Carlon - nay**

Letter from FF D. Katz confirmed that chief asked on two occasions for a walk out by the FFs. DiFeo was given a chance to reply and he told the FFs that he would get them a spot on another FD if they wanted. This letter was read into the record by Ovuworie

**Green, Ovuworie & Curlee voted aye to dismiss. Carlon and Kinnard vote nay not to dismiss the chief. The motion passed and chief DiFeo was dismissed.**

**A motion put forth by Curlee to accept Chris Enright as Interim Chief, Kinnard, Ovuworie, Curlee and Green aye, Carlon abstained Motion passes.**

Chris Enright accepted the position of interim chief. Enright made it clear that he wanted the board to actively look for a permanent chief and prefers not to serve for more than 9 months.

A Discussion of Chief Selection Committee took place. Green, Carlon, and Kinnard declined to participate in the committee. Curlee, Ovuworie, and Enright were made the committee.

**2:31:00 Green made a motion to pay the interim chief approved 4 to 1, no vote from Carlon**

2:32:00 Kinnard, Green and Enright discussed briefly 2023 budget committee

**2:34:35 Motion made to adjourn meeting by Curlee, seconded by Ovuworie - passed unanimously.**