

# Valley Communications Center

## Administration Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2022  
Virtual Meeting Due to Covid-19

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<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Chairperson Mayor Ekberg	<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual		

**MEMBERS:**

- Mayor Ekberg, City of Tukwila
- Mayor Backus, City of Auburn
- Mayor Ferrell, City of Federal Way
- Mayor Ralph, City of Kent
- Chief Padilla, Police Representative
- Chief Morris, Fire Representative
- Chief Coulson, King County Medic One

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pavone, City of Renton

**VISITORS:**

- Chief Thompson, Valley Regional Fire Authority
- Chief Schaub, Pacific Police

**VCC STAFF:**

- Lora Ueland, Executive Director
- Vonnie Mayer, Deputy Director
- Mary Sue Robey, Administrative Services Manager
- Kristin Meitzler, Technical Services Manager
- Angee Bunk, Operations Manager
- Tracy Fitzgerald, Administrative Services Assistant
- Melinda Wilde, Supervisor
- Gabby Ferreira, Public Records Specialist
- Alyssa Gummere, COI

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**Agenda Item: Welcome and Roll Call**

**Discussion:** None.

- Mayor Ekberg called the meeting to order at 1002 hours.
- A quorum was established.

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**Agenda Action Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

**Presenter:** Mayor Ekberg

- Mayor Backus moved to approve the May 6, 2022, meeting minutes.
- Mayor Ralph seconded. Motion approved.

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**Agenda Item: Report from Board Members.**

**Presenter:** All

- None.

**Agenda Item: Recognition.**

**Presenter:** Deputy Director Vonnie Mayer / Executive Director Lora Ueland

- Deputy Director Mayer introduced COI Alyssa Gummere and recognized her for a lifesaving award. Alyssa successfully instructed a father performing CPR on his adult son calmly and professionally.
  - Executive Director Ueland recognized Mary Sue Robey, Administrative Services Manager, for 25 years of service with Valley Com.
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**Agenda Item: Legislative Discussion.**

**Discussion:** All

- Mayor Backus addressed misleading and/or inaccurate statistics which are being shared with the public. She added the focus needs to be on accountability to ensure the community is safe.
  - Mayor Ralph encouraged continuing to hold conversations, share ideas and work together.
  - Chief Padilla addressed topics covered at the WASPC conference including the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), Initiative 1922 and police pursuit restrictions.
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**Agenda Item: Report from Executive Director.**

**Presenter:** Executive Director Lora Ueland

- Provided an extensive overview of the 988 program (a federally mandated number that consolidates service access points for youth, veterans, substance abuse, mental health and suicide prevention)
  - 988 implementation Go-live date is July 16 and calls will be routed based on area code, not geo-location to one of 3 hubs in the state.
  - Crisis Counsellors at VCC – currently working with the Director of Operations at Crisis Connections to develop a pilot.
  - VCC hired Ashleigh Morejon for the HR Specialist position with a start date of May 31.
  - Currently down almost 20 positions in the Com room including vacancies, employees in training, FMLA and other protected leaves.
  - PSERN update- Tech Ops Manager for the PSERN Operator is expected to be hired in the next few weeks. The Project Joint Board authorized providing an additional \$1.2 million in additional funds to the Operator. The rate model assumptions will be reviewed for any necessary adjustments.
  - No questions regarding the April report provided in the meeting packet.
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**Good of the Order.**

- Mayor Backus extended her appreciation to VCC for taking care of the community.
- Executive Director Ueland thanked the Board for their collaboration and support.
- The next regular scheduled Administrative Board meeting will be on July 1, 2022.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 1046 hours.**

**Minutes submitted by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Tracy Fitzgerald  
Administrative Services Assistant  
Valley Communications Center**