



# South Worcester County Communications Center

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*Gregory Lynskey, Communications Center Director*

*SWCCC Board of Directors*

*Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2022 – Regular Session*

Board Members Present: Jonathan Ruda, Richard LaFond, Randy Becker, Steven Sullivan

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gregory Lynskey, Dean Kochanowski

Meeting Location: Webster Police Community Room

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Ruda at 10:02am.
- Chairman Ruda led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mr. LaFond made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes from August 23, 2022. Second by Mr. Becker. Vote 3-0-1 with Mr. Sullivan abstaining.
- Director Lynskey stated his only update regarding other towns had to do with the fact that the State 911 Department has hired a new Director of Special Projects. The person hired is a former Deputy Director of a regional center with a history of successful expansion. His further special project he was tasked with was to develop a report of the status of regionalization and the challenges faced by existing centers when attempting to expand. Director Lynskey stated he had a meeting scheduled for next week to provide the SWCCC's input. Mr. Becker asked if it would be a good idea for the Board to send a letter. Director Lynskey suggested allowing him the opportunity to meet first to see how the discussion goes. Director Lynskey also noted that there are pending changes to the State 911 Department's CMRs that regular PSAPs and that one pending change would require all PSAPs to employ a minimum of 6 FTE dispatchers which many smaller centers are unlikely to be able to achieve. He noted that may force the hand of several local centers to regionalize.
- Director Lynskey presented the Board with an update on the FY23 Budget through the end of September. He noted that at the current time, as with last year, the only concern budget wise continues to be overtime due to the ongoing vacancies. He noted however that two new full-time dispatchers started at the beginning of October which once training is completed in January will significantly help the schedule situation. He added that the unspent funds from the vacancies should be able to cover the excess overtime. He also noted that he is likely to delay hiring the new 11<sup>th</sup> position in January unless a fully trained dispatcher is interested in the position as the trainers have indicated a need for a break after nearly two years straight of training and currently training two dispatchers concurrently.
- Director Lynskey informed the Board of four appointments that had been made that requires the Board's confirmation. He noted that the two per-diem appointments are fully trained dispatchers from local communities who have potential interest in future full time positions. Director Lynskey suggested that

## **Board of Directors:**

Jonathan Ruda - Chairman  
Richard LaFond - Vice Chairman  
Randy Becker - Member  
Steven Sullivan - Member

## **Operations Board:**

Dean Kochanowski - Chairman  
Michael Shaw - Vice Chairman  
Steven Wojnar - Member  
Brian Hickey - Member  
Gary Milliard - Member

the board could conduct a single vote to confirm all four appointments. The appointments are as follows:

- Jessica Mahota – Full Time Dispatcher effective September 18, 2022
- Connor Wieloch – Full Time Dispatcher effective September 25, 2022
- Edila Seguin – Per-Diem Dispatcher effective October 16, 2022
- Trina Deary – Per-Diem Dispatcher effective October 23, 2022

Mr. Becker made a motion to confirm all four appointments. Second by Mr. Sullivan. Unanimous vote.

- Mr. Ruda asked for an update on the radio system project. Director Lynskey stated all mobile radios have been delivered and installed with the exception of a handful of installations that are awaiting additional components. He noted that none of the infrastructure equipment has an anticipated delivery date yet and that he was still waiting on the new radios that dispatch will use for transmitting. He estimated that Webster Police and EMS are likely to go to digital by the end of the year with Webster Fire shortly after. He stated he could not make an estimate on Dudley Police without knowing expected delivery on the infrastructure equipment.
- The Board set a meeting date of December 8 at 10am at the Dudley Fire Station.
- Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 10:29am, second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous vote.