**MINUTES OF A**

**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**AND**

**GENERAL MEMBERS’ MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**RETIRED EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION**

**December 11, 2022**

**Jacksonville Firefighter Hall**

**618 Stockton Street**

**Jacksonville, Florida**

**CALL BOD MEETING TO ORDER** – Eric Smith, President, called the preliminary Board of Directors’ Meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**QUORUM** – A quorum of the Board, as stated in the By-laws, was present.

**SELECTION OF THE 2022 MARVIN BOOS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – The Nominating Committee recommended both 1st Vice-President John Keane and Sergeant-at-Arms Darryl Patterson for the 2022 Marvin Boos Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Smith called for a motion of approval. Mr. Keane so moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson. After discussion, the motion carried (7-3).

At 4:50 PM the Board of Directors meeting adjourned to join the members at the Association’s General Members’ Meeting and Christmas Party.

**CONVENING THE GENERAL MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY** - President Smith called the General Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**INVOCATION** – Chaplain Spann gave an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** –1st Vice-President Keane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESIDENT’S PRELIMINARY REMARKS** – President Smith acknowledged the attendance of the Association’s Special Guests: Florida State Senator Audrey Gibson, Duval County Court Judge Gary Flower, Duval County Tax Collector Jim Overton, Firefighter’s Union President Randy Wyse, and Kristi Sikes, the daughter of recently deceased Board member and Past President Henry Cook.

Thereafter, Mr. Keane presented Mr. Smith with his framed portrait that Mr. Cook completed shortly before his passing. Honored, Mr. Smith briefly eulogized Mr. Cook.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** - The Honorable Gary Flower administered the oath of office to the 2023 officers and directors.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS --** Messrs. Keane and Patterson were jointly awarded the REA’s 2022 Marvin Boos Award for their valuable service to the REA. Judge Flower was then presented with a plaque commemorating his long and steady support of the Association.

**DINNER** - After the presentations, dinner was served.

**ADJOURNMENT –** After dinner, and the Chaplain’s benediction, the General Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Greg Radlinski, Secretary