

Fire Board Deadlocked on Commissioner Vacancy

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The Crescent City Fire Protection District (CFPD) interviewed two highly qualified candidates for the vacant commissioner position, created by the unexpected resignation of Joe Gregorio.

Melvin Haggard and Jon Maxwell, both long-experienced firefighters applied for the position.

Just three commissioners were on hand to make the appointment. Gregorio had resigned and Commissioner Dave Short was absent from the Monday last meeting.

With two highly qualified candidates throwing their hats into the ring, it was not surprising the vote was split, 2-1. A quorum of three votes is necessary to pass any item on the Agenda.

The CFPD will adjourn to a Special Meeting before May 3.

It was standing- room only in the CFPD conference room. Some individual audience members expressed concern the identical list of questions for each candidate left one question of the list: Over the last several years, how has the fire department adjusted to less actual fire calls and more Health-related calls that might overlap with 9-1-1 Del Norte Ambulance services.

Ex-commissioner Gregorio stated his reason for retiring from the CFPD was to spend more time with his aspiring athletic granddaughter.

