

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

August 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416, San Francisco California, 94102

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President Nakajo called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Vice President	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present
Darius Luttrupp	Deputy Chief -- Operations	
Shayne Kaialoa	Deputy Chief -- Administration	
Sandy Tong	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Mike Mullin	Support Services	
Julie Mau	Division of Training	
Erica Arteseros-Brown	Homeland Security	
Shon Buford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Garreth Miller	ESER Project Manager	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Nicol Juratovac	Division II	
Brook Baker	Division III	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES [Discussion and possible action]

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on July 26, 2023.

Commissioner Collins Moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

There was no public comment.

4. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT *[Discussion]*

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, JEANINE NICHOLSON

Report on current issues, activities, and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on July 26, 2023, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

Chief Nicholson reported on activities since the last meeting. She mentioned that she and Chief Buford met with the Healing Village Collaborative to address the fentanyl crisis. She attended Fire Appreciation Night at the Giants game, where Kat Boston sang the National Anthem. She announced that they are gearing up for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in November where they expect 40 head of state members, including the President and Vice President. She also met with the MTA at Manny's in the Mission about street changes, and she attended the meeting of the California PUC to testify about autonomous vehicles. She added that Chief Luttrupp also spoke at that meeting. She described the third alarm fire on 8th Avenue and Irving that occurred last night and the challenges the members were faced with. She mentioned that she would be attending the Drug Market Agency Coordination Center with the mayor at 10:30 to address the opioid crisis.

Vice President Morgan confirmed that the Department and MTA have finally had a meeting with Waymo's and Cruise's technologists and policymakers. Chief Luttrupp hopes they continue to meet so they will learn as much from us as we have learned from them. Vice President Morgan stated he knows we can't avoid the future, but we can real them in to be better, especially when they interrupt an emergency. He also confirmed that the most recent big fires are still under investigation as to the cause.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and stated she was happy no one got hurt at the fire last night at 8th and Irving. She mentioned that when she was driving across town last night, she noticed many Cruise, Waymo, and Zoox vehicles and it occurred to her how they are compiling their safety data if they are skewing towards driving around the city at night when there's very few people and cars on the street. She thinks that is a question they need to be asked. She thanked the members of the Department that responded to the fire on her block and the whole neighborhood was appreciative and felt cared for.

Commissioner Collins asked Chief Luttrupp to comment more about the cultural gap between the department's view of the danger posed by autonomous vehicles and the autonomous vehicle companies. Chief Luttrupp responded that it was a misunderstanding of the department's operational needs that they didn't know such as the distance required

for us to do work, so their vehicles would pull far too close and the misunderstanding of the department members' technological ability to communicate with cars at an emergency scene where members don't have their cell phones out to take a picture of the QR Code on the side of their vehicles to call their customer service rep. Commissioner Collins asked if maybe it would be worthwhile to deal with the CEO of Cruise or Waymo. Chief Luttrupp thinks kicking it up a notch would intensify the heat and he's sure there are people better suited to sit with the CEO of Cruise and Waymo, perhaps people in a legislative function or people who are in office in the city.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF DARIUS LUTTROPP

Report on overall field operations, including greater alarm fires, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation, Training within the Department., and Airport Division.

Chief Luttrupp provided an Operations update for July 2023. He reported there was one greater alarm fire in July. He described the Pier 28 fire in detail as well as two bayside operations which included two shipboard rescues of severely injured workers on a ship and ill sailors. He also described the greater alarm fire at Lincoln and 19th Avenue in detail as well as the fire at Oak and Octavia which he will describe in more detail next month. He touched on the Bureau of Fire Prevention, the Arson Unit, the Airport Division, the Division of Training, NERT, and the Fire Reserves. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2832/download?inline>

Commissioner Morgan thanked him for his report. He thanked Chief Storti and all the members who worked on putting the fire out on 19th Avenue and Lincoln and stated they did a great job.

Commissioner Fraser acknowledged the good work on everyone's behalf and that she appreciates hearing the details of the large fires. She offered her help on anything they can do regarding Lithium-ion batteries and hoarding.

Commission Collins confirmed that the various descriptions of permits and inspections on pages 13 and 14 of Chief Luttrupp's report are annual operational permits relating to the Fire Code.

President Nakajo commended Chief Mau on her detailed report submitted within Chief Luttrupp's report. He also thanked Chief Luttrupp for mentioning the Fire Reserves who showed up to the 19th Avenue Fire.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SANDRA TONG

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions.

Chief Tong presented her report for July. She stated that they averaged about 347 calls a day for the month. She announced that on July 10th they started a paramedic academy and on July 19th a process for H-3 hirings. She presented slides on highlights from the Community Paramedicine Division. She stated that they have been pursuing a joint National Science Foundation Grant with San Jose State University researchers, where they will explore further and quantify the effects of moral injury, and moral hazard on the members and clients and she is looking forward to being able to use that research to better develop interventions and how to integrate more equity into their work as well as training. She noted that California state regulations now require that all community paramedics hold a certification from the International Board of Specialized Certifications. She welcomed Eugene Tse, the new data and policy analyst. Her report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2833/download?inline>

Vice President Morgan thanked her for her report and congratulated her on the grant from San Jose State through the National Science Foundation.

Commission Fraser thanked Chief Tong for her great report and congratulated her on hiring the new data analyst.

Commissioner Collins thanked her for her report and mentioned that she will be very curious about the time, energy, and money that goes to one person abusing the system versus everything else they need to accomplish with the resources at hand and that she confirmed that is something the data person will help focus on.

There was no public comment.

5. COMMISSION PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND UPDATE [Discussion]

Report and update from Fire Commission President Stephen Nakajo.

President Nakajo confirmed that at the August 23, 2023 commission meeting, he will schedule a closed session for briefing to continue in terms of the appeals process and he will add that item to the September 13, 2023, agenda for a vote. He announced that at the October 12, 2023 meeting, he has invited former Fire Department member Attica Bowden to provide an update on the EMT program she runs. He also mentioned that on August 16th two commissioners will be touring the Airport Division and that he would like to reach out one more time to GOTC for an internal meeting.

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m. in honor of the two members of Cal Fire in Los Angeles that lost their life in a helicopter accident.