

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

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**April 10, 2024, 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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Vice President Fraser called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commission President	Armie Morgan	Present (arrived at 9:07)
Vice President	Marcy Fraser	Present
Commissioner	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Present
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present Remotely
Darius Luttrupp	Deputy Chief -- Present	
Shayne Kaialoa	Deputy Chief - Administration	
Sandy Tong	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Mike Mullin	Support Services	
Erica Arteseros Brown	Homeland Security	
Ken Cofflin	Prevention	
Pat D’Arcy	Airport Division	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Garreth Miller	ESER Project Manager	
Assistant Chiefs		
Bill Storti	Division II	
Pat Rabbit	Division III	

**RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice President Fraser 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 March 27, 2024.

Commissioner Collins Moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Nakajo Seconded. Vice President Fraser voted yes. President Morgan and Commissioner Feinstein recused themselves.

There was no public comment.

**5. 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 March 27, 2024, 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 touched on events she attended including a Vision Zero press conference where more street changes were discussed; the event honoring the new ship USS Harvey Milk which will deliver supplies and equipment to other ships and a media event where she interviewed with NBC Bay area regarding women in the fire service and toxic free turnouts they are looking to get. She added that also concerning PFAS free turnouts, 798's Adam Wood testified at a hearing in Sacramento. She also attended the FIREScope conference in Williams, California. She greeted the new class of 9910s which are from the City EMT who are going to get their 500 hours on an ambulance so they can then apply to the San Francisco Fire Department. She mentioned that she, CD2, CD3, and Mark Corso had a retreat where they discussed top priorities in moving the Department forward and she and Mark Corso presented at the Capital Planning Committee to explain to them what the needs and challenges are for the Department.

Commissioner Collins confirmed that there was very little discussion about the more efficient use of funds when the Chief met with the Capital Plan Committee.

Vice President Fraser asked if there is an opportunity for the Department to have any preview in advance of the street changes mentioned in the Vision Zero press conference. The Chief answered that they have been working on it for years and Chief Luttrupp would speak to that during his report.

President Morgan confirmed that it could take 12 million dollars to replace all the turnouts in the Department.

The unidentified male speaker spoke on different issues not relevant to the Chief's report.

**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, and acknowledgement of firefighters who responded to the Greater Alarm Fire at 720 Masonic Avenue on 12/11/23.

Chief Luttrupp provided an Operations update for March 2024. He reported that there was one greater alarm fire at 151 and 137 Julian Avenue. He described the fire in detail and stated that Chief Juratovac was the incident commander. He mentioned the challenges they have with streetscape changes and the reason they have interactions with the MTA such as the required space to operate and that they have actual tactical important safety reasons for street widths. He touched on the Airport Division, the Division of Training, and NERT where they are in the process of finding a new coordinator. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2993/download?inline>

Commissioner Collins confirmed that the Waymo vehicle stopped at the greater alarm fire caused an obstruction, so the radio communication warned arriving companies to approach on 16<sup>th</sup> and not on 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Luttrupp added that Waymo has given them the ability to take over control of the vehicle but that would require somebody who is supposed to be fighting fire to get out, make communications, take control, drive it away and that is not the solution to the Department.

Commissioner Feinstein confirmed that there is a new testing company for potential recruits, FCTC but the interview process is the same. She acknowledged Chief D'Arcy for his work at the Airport the last couple of weeks as there has been a lot going on. She also weighed in on the topic of driverless cars and thinks the Department and Commission should get involved in legislation.

Commissioner Fraser confirmed that the Waymo licensure is under the PUC and the DMV issues the permits for operation. She also acknowledged Chief D'Arcy for crushing it on the FAA inspections.

Commissioner Nakajo thanked Chief Luttrupp for his report and confirmed that there were communication issues at the greater alarm fire at Julian Street where three different locations and they are still looking into it. Commissioner Nakajo commented that he thinks driverless cars are not going away and he thinks will be increasing. He added that streetscapes and adjustments have affected the department's response times and he is concerned about that. He confirmed that the promotional pinning ceremony is at 4:00 at the Scottish Rite on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the academy graduation is on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. also at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Commissioner Collins expressed her concerns regarding autonomous vehicles and the fact that they stand to profit significantly, and have minimal requirements for reporting when they don't function as they say that they function she suggested that they join others who benefit from correcting these issues.

An unidentified male speaker spoke on random issues.

REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SANDRA TONG

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions.

Chief Tong provided her March report. She mentioned that they have been training members on the use of the motorized gurney, which she thinks is a safer option for members in terms of preventing injuries. They also completed three months of Pediatric Advanced Life Support training. She stated that during the month, there was a slight increase in call volume and time on task decreased. She touched on Community Outreach Recruitment and Education, the Community Paramedicine Division, and the Street to Home program. She announced that CP-5 Captain Brandon Chatham was honored and recognized during the SFPD's crisis intervention award ceremony for responding to a patient in a behavioral health crisis. Her report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2994/download?inline>

Vice President Fraser thanked Chief Tong for her interesting report. She confirmed that the Department does not have a formal agreement with DPH or the Department of Housing and Homelessness to be their backup medical provider.

Commissioner Collins confirmed that EMS-6 responds to frequent 9-1-1 callers and tries to connect them to the appropriate services to try and minimize those calls.

There was no public comment.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 6**

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Items 6(b) below, including public comment on whether to hold Items 6(b) in closed session.

There was no public comment.

**6. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING UNLITIGATED CLAIM**

**a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 6(b) IN CLOSED SESSION**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

The Commission may hear Item 6(b) in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1).

Commissioner Feinstein Moved to conduct item 6(b) in closed session.

Commissioner Collins Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Convened in closed session at 10:41. Also in closed session were Claims Adjuster Marleena Green and Commission Secretary Maureen Conefrey.

**b. CONFERENCE REGARDING UNLITIGATED CLAIM *[Discussion and possible action]*** Conference to discuss unlitigated claim pursuant to Government Code Section

54956.9 and Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1) and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for settlement approval or to take other action.

Unlitigated claim:

*Walid Zaki Nijem v. City and County of San Francisco*

**7. REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** [*Discussion and possible action*] as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1 and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(b).

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:56.

The Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for Settlement approval.

**8. VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION**, as specified in San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). [*Action*]

Vice President Fraser Moved to not disclose discussions. Commissioner Collins Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

**9. ADJOURNMENT** President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.