

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

Fire Commission Regular Meeting November 13, 2024, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

SFFD Headquarters, 698 Second Street, Room 102 ■ San Francisco ■ California ■ 94107

AGENDA

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. Members of the public attending the meeting in-person will have an opportunity to provide public comment. Members of the public participating remotely may access the meeting and participate remotely by following the instructions below. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes per item.

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:

1 (415) 655-0001

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Item No.

1. ROLL CALL

President	Armie Morgan
Vice President	Marcy Fraser
Commissioner	Stephen A. Nakajo
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein
Commissioner	Paula Collins
Chief of Department	Sandra Tong

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

The San Francisco Fire Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land, and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that does not appear on the agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Commission as a whole and not to individual Commissioners or Department personnel. Commissioners are not to enter into debate or discussion with a speaker. The lack of a

response by the Commissioners or Department personnel does not necessarily constitute agreement with or support of statements made during public comment.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 23, 2024.

4. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT [Discussion]

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, SANDRA TONG

Report on current issues, activities, and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on October 23, 2024, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

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.

REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SIMON PANG

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions.

5. VOTE ON WHETHER TO ASSERT ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE TO CONFER WITH OR RECEIVE ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND CONDUCT ITEM 7 IN CLOSED SESSION (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)) [Action]

6. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEM 8 IN CLOSED SESSION (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)) [Action]

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call

7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION--REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION TAPE (California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1)) [Discussion and possible action]

On January 12, 2022, the Commission held a closed session on the status and calendaring of pending disciplinary and separation cases. Following a public records request from Mark LaCroix for the closed session tape, which was denied, Mr. LeCroix filed a complaint with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, which found that the tape should be released and has requested that it be released. The Commission will discuss and act upon the Task Force request to release the closed session tape. Mr. LaCroix is one of the plaintiffs in the litigation against the City regarding the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. The case is *Michael Kricken et al. v. City and County of San Francisco et al.*, San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-600135 (filed June 13, 2022). The Task Force complaint is *Mark LaCroix v. San Francisco Fire Commission*, File No. 23099 (filed December 7, 2023).

8. POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF—PERSONNEL EXCEPTION (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) & S.F. Admin Code 67.10(b)) [Discussion and possible action]

Discussion and possible action regarding interviews and selection of candidate(s) for nomination for appointment to the position of Fire Chief. A representative from the Department of Human Resources will provide an update on applications and interviews.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

9. VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSION ON ITEM NO. 7 HELD IN CLOSED SESSION (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)) [Action]

**10. VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSION ON
ITEM NO. 8 HELD IN CLOSED SESSION (San Francisco Administrative Code Section
67.12(a)) [Action]**

11. ADJOURNMENT

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION NOTICE OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commission Meeting Schedule and Location

The Fire Commission will meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. The second Wednesday in Room 416 at 9:00 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday in Room 400 at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Office

The Fire Commission Office is located at 698 Second Street, Room 220, San Francisco, CA 94107. The Fire Commission telephone number is (415) 558-3451. The web address is <https://sf-fire.org/>. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Remote Public Participation and Comment

It is possible that the Fire Commission may experience technical challenges that interfere with the ability of members of the public to participate in the meeting remotely. If that happens, the Fire Commission will attempt to correct the problem but may continue with the meeting as long as people attending in-person, and anyone who has received a disability accommodation to offer remote public comment, are able observe and offer public comment. Remote public comment is available upon request for individuals who cannot attend in person due to disability under the disability-related modification or accommodation procedure outlined below.

Language Access

Per the Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), Chinese, Spanish and or Filipino (Tagalog) interpreters will be available upon request. Meeting Minutes may be translated, if requested, after they have been adopted by the Commission. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Commission Secretary at (415) 558-3451, or fire.commission@sfgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

Information on Disability Access

Wheelchair-accessible entrances are located on Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street. Please note the wheelchair lift at the Goodlett Place/Polk Street is temporarily not available. After multiple repairs that were followed by additional breakdowns, the wheelchair lift at the Goodlett/Polk entrance is being replaced for improved operation and reliability. We anticipate having a functioning lift after the completion of construction in May 2025. There are elevators and accessible restrooms located on every floor. The closest accessible BART station is the Civic Center Station at United Nations Plaza and Market Street. Accessible MUNI lines serving this location are: #42 Downtown Loop, and #71 Haight/Noriega and the F Line to Market and Van Ness and the Metro Stations at Van Ness and Market and at Civic Center. For information about MUNI accessible services call (415) 923-6142. There is accessible curbside parking adjacent to City Hall on Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue and in the vicinity of the Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485.

To obtain a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the meeting, please contact the Commission Secretary at least two business days before the meeting at (415) 558-3451 to make arrangements. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

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Documents for Public Inspection

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