

# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

**Fire Commission Regular Meeting**  
**August 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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## AGENDA

This meeting is being held by WebEx pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders  
Mayoral Proclamations Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.

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room at City Hall is closed, and meetings of the Fire Commission will convene  
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### **Participating During Public Comment: By Phone**

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1-415-655-0001

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The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment  
on that item. Comments will be addressed in the order they are received. When the  
moderator announces that the Commission is taking public comment, members of the  
public can:

1. Raise hand" by pressing \* 3 and you will be queued.
2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for your turn to speak. Operator will unmute you.
3. When prompted, callers will have the standard three minutes to provide comment.
  - *Ensure you are in a quiet location.*
  - *Speak clearly.*
  - *Turn off any TVs or radios around you.*

Item No.

**1. ROLL CALL**

President	Katherine Feinstein
Vice President	Stephen A. Nakajo
Commissioner	Francee Covington
Commissioner	Ken Cleaveland
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson

**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 July 28, 2021.

**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 28, 2021, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF BRYAN RUBENSTEIN

Report on overall field operations, including greater alarm fires, Emergency Medical Services, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation, Homeland Security and Airport Division.

**5. COMMISSION REPORT [Discussion]**

Report on Commission activities since last meeting on July 28, 2021.

**6. AGENDA FOR NEXT AND FUTURE FIRE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

*[Discussion]*

Discussion regarding agenda for next and future Fire Commission meetings.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8**

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 8 below, including public comment on whether to hold Item 8 in closed session.

**8. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER**

**a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEM 8 (b) IN CLOSED SESSION**

*[Action]*

The Commission may hear Item 8 (b) in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

**b. CASE NO. 2020-03: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION APPEAL [Action item]**

The appeal is from a six-calendar day suspension for violation of the Rules and Regulations as follows:

Section 3901 – Unauthorized Use of Department Name  
Section 3904 – Active Participation in Other Employment, Business, or Enterprise  
Section 2905 – Familiarity with the Rules  
Section 3909 – False Reports  
Section 3923 – Acts Detrimental to the Welfare of the Department  
San Francisco Civil Service Rule 318.2: Requiring prior approval for outside employment.

**c. IF CLOSED SESSION IS HELD, RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

1. Report on any action taken in Closed Session as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(5) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(b)(4).
2. 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 Item*]

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

**Commission Meeting Schedule and Location**

The Fire Commission will meet regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 fax number is (415) 558-3413. The web address is <http://sf-fire.org/fire-commission-home>. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**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 requests. 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](mailto:fire.commission@sfgov.org) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

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