

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely on WebEx and in person at City Hall, Room 400.

The Video can be viewed by clicking this link:

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President Feinstein called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Katherine Feinstein	Present
Vice President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Commissioner	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Robert Postel	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Thomas O’Connor	Deputy Chief –Administration	
Sandy Tong	EMS	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Erica Arteseros	Homeland Security	
Natasha Park	Health and Wellness	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Bill Storti	Division II	
Brook Baker	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	
Olivia Scanlon	Communications and Outreach	

2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Feinstein read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. RESOLUTION 2022-10 [Discussion and possible action]

Adoption of resolution setting forth findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Vice President Nakajo Moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

There was no public comment.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from regular Meeting on May 25, 2022.

President Feinstein Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. 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 May 11, 2022, 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 thanked all the people that worked on the Warriors parade, including Chief Arteseros, Chief Postel, Chief Tong and Chief Tangherlini. She added that they had over 90 medical calls in just under four hours which was very challenging. She mentioned that 24 community paramedics graduated from the community paramedicine class and will be added to the street teams. She touched on the training cadre at EMS and thanked all for their attendance at the 129th academy graduation. She announced that 50 new recruits will start the academy on Monday.

Chief Nicholson mentioned that she attended the Operation Genesis with United Fire Service Women and had met with the new leadership in the Black Firefighters Association, President Antione Davis and Vice President John Smith. She also participated along with Chief Postel and Chief O'Conner in an interview panel for the Assistant Deputy Chief position at the airport and announced the selection of Battalion Chief Patrick D'arcy to that position. She stated that she and her staff have been working hard on the budget and have come to an agreement with the budget legislative analyst and they fixed some structural issues within the budget. She added that the Department's budget is 498 million dollars and when she took over as chief, the budget was 397 million dollars.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Nicholson for her comprehensive report and acknowledged all the members who worked the Warriors victory parade and confirmed that at one point the crowd broke through the security and created concerns, but the police stepped in and were able to mitigate the breach. He congratulated Chief D'arcy on his promotion as Chief of the Airport Division and he thanked Chief David Brown for his

service at the airport. Vice President Nakajo confirmed that the 131st academy class is slated to start in January of 2023.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Chief David Brown for his service at the airport and congratulated Patrick D'arcy on his new position.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION, DEPUTY CHIEF TOM O'CONNOR
Report on the Administrative Divisions, Fleet and Facility status and updates, Finance, Support Services, and Homeland Security.

Chief O'Connor presented his May 2022 administration report. He touched on Homeland Security where they onboarded two more canines with Firefighter/Paramedic Canning and Barney, as well as Firefighter Davis Buster. He mentioned that under the Health, Safety and Wellness Division, they had health and safety meetings with the health and safety roundtable, the Health and Safety Committee, the Behavioral Health Unit and they also had the Wellness Fair hosted by the United Fire Service Women. He also touched on the Physician's Office where he announced they had 84 COVID cases in the month of May; the Investigative Services Bureau; and Support Services where they had 127 service requests and 110 of those orders were completed. He mentioned that the Governor's Office of Emergency Services selected the San Francisco Fire Department to showcase local government mutual aid response and media productions. He gave a brief description of the new PulsePoint app, which is an app you can download on your phone which will alert you when there is a cardiac arrest incident near you and if you're CPR trained, you can respond to the incident and begin lifesaving CPR immediately.

Commissioner Morgan asked for more info about the CPR app Chief Postel explained that the concept is that when somebody suffers a cardiac event, if you have the PulsePoint app on your phone you'll get an alert if you are in the vicinity and it will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is and where the incident is happening so that anybody who is trained in CPR can respond and immediately administer CPR and get the defibrillator activated.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief O'Connor for his comprehensive report and thanked him for the pictures and narrative. He confirmed with Chief Serrano that Station 35 is completely operational, and that Engine 35 responds out of the original Station 35 and has a crew of four members and the fireboat is a three-member crew, which consists of a pilot, an engineer and the officer of the boat. He also confirmed that the St. Francis is in full operation and the Phoenix is currently in dry dock. The Guardian is not operational.

Vice President Nakajo confirmed that the 1415 Evans facility is where EMS Staff and the Bureau of Equipment share space.

Commissioner Fraser stated how impressed she was with the reports and thanked the command staff who spent time with her to get up to speed and learn about the Fire Department in ways she was extremely impressed. She confirmed that “Coffee with a Clinician” are meetings for members to gain support, or outreach toward PTSD and wellness aspects of the job.

President Feinstein stated the report is in nice shape and gives the information they need. She asked for clarification about the ESER Bond and confirmed that money from a particular bond can only be used for the projects that are set forth in the bond unless there is leftover funds, then they can be transferred to other projects that are similar to or could be considered covered under that bond. President Feinstein confirmed with Chief Serrano that with the Fire Boat Guardian, they are pursuing some avenues of donating it to another municipality or that the Port of Stockton was interested in taking it over and that it is not cost effective for the Department to maintain it any longer as it needs a hundred thousand dollars plus of asbestos abatement, plus some mechanical and engine issues that need repair.

There was no public comment

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Items 8(b) below, including public comment on whether to hold Items 8(b) in closed session.

There was no public comment.

8. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 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).

Vice President Nakajo Moved to conduct deliberations in closed session. President Feinstein Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting convened in closed session at 5:53 p.m.

In closed session were Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Donnellan, President Feinstein, Vice President Nakajo, Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner Fraser, Deputy City Brad Russi, and Commission Secretary Conefrey.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Conference with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation pursuant to Government Code

Section 54956.9(a), (c), (d), and Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1) and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for settlement approval or to take other action. **[Action item]**

Existing Litigation:

Eric Taylor v. City and County of San Francisco

San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-20-587959

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

Reconvened in Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

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

- 10. 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 Nakajo Moved to not disclose. President Feinstein Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** President Feinstein adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.