

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

July 13, 2022, 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 Feinstein called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.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	
Erica Arteseros Brown	Homeland Security	
Patrick D’Arcy	Airport	
April Sloan	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Patrick Rabbit	Division II	
Michael Thompson	Division III	

2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Feinstein read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 June 22, 2022.

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

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 June 22, 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 stated that she welcomed the 130th academy class and she wished them well as they progress over the next 20 weeks. She announced that she and her staff have spent a lot of time with the Board of Supervisors discussing the budget and she is confident that the full Board will pass it. She thanked her staff for their hard work and advocacy in communicating the needs of the department. She touched on the COVID numbers where 30 people are in quarantine and about half a dozen positive and half a dozen out longer than 30 days due to COVID illness. Chief Nicholson attended the FIREScope board of directors meeting in Sacramento where members from different fire departments in the state of California provide recommendations and technical assistance to the Office of Emergency Services. She also attended the installation lunch of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce with Chief Tong and Captain Mau.

Commissioner Fraser thanked RC Captain Andy Zanoff for starting her day on Saturday by driving her around San Francisco and visiting various firehouses and that lunch at Station 11 was delicious.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT POSTEL

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

Chief Postel reported on Operations during June. He mentioned that during June they had two greater alarm fires, 21 working fires, 15 water rescues, and four cliff rescues. He touched on the EMS Division reporting that 1 H-3 Level 1 EMTs, and four H-3 Level 2 paramedics graduated on June 23, 2022. He thanked all staff that worked on the Warriors parade and Pride parade as well as success stories of community paramedicine and how they're making a difference in the community. He touched on the Bureau of Fire Prevention; the Investigation and the Airport Division under new Assistant Deputy Chief Pat D'arcy and the Division of Training where they successfully graduated the 129th recruit class on June 3, 2022, and where the 130th academy class started on June 27, 2022.

Commissioner Fraser confirmed that the Street Crisis Response Team responded to 844 calls during June, and she expressed her concern that there seems to be nowhere to take

these individuals as well as the economic impacts and staff impacts who respond to the same individuals over and over without a lot of assistance from the Health Department.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Chief Postel for his great report that covered a lot of ground. He added that he noticed it was a busy month with fires and bay rescues and commended the members for the great work.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Postel for his comprehensive report and was thankful for the training photos of the recruits at graduation and commended the training staff. He congratulated the fire marshal in terms of how much work his unit has done with compliance requirements. He welcomed Chief D'arcy as the chief of the Airport Division. He confirmed that the EMT 9910 interns are those that have graduated from the City EMT Program, and they need to accumulate 500 hours which are required to be able to apply to the Department's H-3 Level 1 position and they were able to cover both the Warrior's parade and Pride parade to gain those required hours. He also confirmed that the MUNI bus that the Department has is called the multi-casualty transit bus which was utilized during the Warrior parade and Pride parade. He confirmed with Chief Sloan that the 800B calls are an SFPD code and the Street Crisis Response Team is now assigned to handle those calls which amounted to 14,000 annual calls. He confirmed that Section Chief Mason and Director Corso have been looking at the budget and what these calls cost and the expected impacts the department is seeing. He acknowledged Captain Nazzareta, Captain Chattem, and Pat Renshaw for the detailed writeups contained in Chief Postel's report. Vice President Nakajo went through the pages of the report and received clarification on specific items.

President Feinstein confirmed that the ambulance levels in the report that have the red/yellow highlights mean the percentage of the day that the ambulance staffing would be at level 2 or below and indicates the percentage of minutes of the day that the ambulance staffing has gone to a critical level of 2, 1 or 0. She confirmed that Chief Niels Tangerlini mainly oversees the staffing of the ambulances, and he understands it very well. She also confirmed that they had more calls than expected during the Warrior and Pride parades and that the Tenderloin Emergency Initiative is going from DEM to City Planning.

There was no public comment

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 7

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Items 7 below, including public comment on whether to hold Items 7(b) (c) (d) (e) and (f) in closed session.

There was no public comment.

7. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 7(b) (c) (d) (e) and (f) IN CLOSED SESSION [Action]

The Commission may hear Items 7(b) (c) (d) (e) and (f) in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

Commissioner Morgan Moved to conduct deliberations on Proposed Findings of Fact in closed session. Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting convened in closed session at 10:12 a.m.

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

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-06: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on March 3, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision. *President Feinstein Moved to approve the Proposed Findings of Fact. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with the commissioners present.*

c. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-07: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on April 5, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

President Feinstein Moved to approve the Proposed Findings of Fact. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with the commissioners present.

d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-17: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on March 29, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

This item was continued to allow Vice President Nakajo a chance to read the transcript.

e. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-19: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on March 16, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

President Feinstein Moved to approve the Proposed Findings of Fact. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with the commissioners present.

f. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-20: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on March 30, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

President Feinstein Moved to approve the Proposed Findings of Fact. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with the commissioners present.

g. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, CASE NO. 2021-16: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT [Action]

At a meeting on February 28, 2022, regarding the above-referenced matter, the Commission deliberated and reached a decision on employee non-disciplinary separation. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

Commissioner Morgan Moved to approve the Proposed Findings of Fact. President Feinstein Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with the commissioners present.

8. 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 10:22 a.m.

9. 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]

President Feinstein Moved to not disclose. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. ADJOURNMENT President Feinstein adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.