

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

October 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Venue Change
698 2nd Street, Room 102, San Francisco, CA 94107

Vice President Nakajo called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
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	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Assistant Chiefs		
Michael Thompson	Division II	
Dustin Winn	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	

2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice President Nakajo 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 September 28, 2022.

Commissioner Fraser Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Morgan 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 mentioned that last week she sent out letters to candidates for the 131st academy which is scheduled to start in January of 2023 and will have approximately 50 recruits. She touched on the COVID numbers within the Department. She stated that 25 EMTs and paramedics graduated last week from the H-3 academy and are on the streets. She attended the Fleet Week events and several training exercises, including a large-scale exercise working with our counterparts in the military on drills that are vital to our emergency response. She also attended a K-9 heroes' event and the Italian Heritage Parade in North Beach. She concluded by stating how proud she is of all the work that's going on in the Department and how the members have risen to the occasion in responding to the challenging fires during the reporting period.

Commissioner Morgan acknowledged National Prevention Week and Fire Prevention weeks and confirmed that the stations are going to have open houses on Saturday.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and showed off her t-shirt from the Fire Service Women fundraiser. She stated that she is looking forward to the open houses on Saturday.

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 September. He mentioned that during September there were no greater alarms, but they did have 10 working fires where the hard work of the members in the field and effectiveness that they were able to limit these working fires to single alarm fires and not multiple alarm responses. He added that they had 10 water rescues and five successful high-angle cliff rescues during September. He touched on the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation, the Airport Division, the Division of Training, and NERT where they will be conducting their semi-annual drill on October 15, 2022.

Commissioner Frasher thanked Chief Postel for his great report and she confirmed that the Fire Department responds to high-rise floods.

Commissioner Morgan thanked him for his report and confirmed that once the investigations are complete on the greater alarm fires, the cause can be shared with the commission and the public.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Postel for his report and confirmed that the current academy class is the 130th and graduation is scheduled for November 18, 2022. He announced that at the next meeting, on October 26th, five schoolteachers from Rosa Parks school will be given appreciation certificates.

REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SANDRA TONG

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions

Chief Tong announced that on September 30th they graduated 25 new members at Station 49. She added that they are trying to create four new ambulance shifts for seven days a week hoping to capture some of the times when they had over surges and during shift changes. In the last five days, she stated they have had no Medic to Follow calls. She touched on research they are doing including a My Rhythm device which is a headband that they hope will be able to identify a large vessel occlusion if somebody's having a stroke. She touched on Community Paramedicine.

Commissioner Frasher thanked Chief Tong for her great report and thanked her for the ride a long she arranged as it was very enlightening. She stated she was glad to hear about the research they are doing for potential stroke patients.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Chief Tong and her staff for all they are doing and as well as all of the lives they are saving.

Vice President Nakajo thanked Chief Tong for her comprehensive report.

There was no public comment

6. ADJOURNMENT Vice President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.