

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

March 22, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400, San Francisco California, 94102

The meeting video can be reviewed by clicking the below link:
https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=180&clip_id=43256

Vice President Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Stephen Nakajo	Excused
Vice President	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Bob Postel	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Sandy Tong	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Shon Buford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Darius Luttrupp	ESER Project Manager	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Bill Storti	Division II	
Nicol Juratovac	Division III	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on March 8, 2023.

Commissioner Feinstein Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Fraser Seconded. Commissioner Collins abstained from the vote and Vice President Morgan voted yes. The motion passed.

There was no public comment.

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 March 8, 2023, 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 touched on legislation that has been passed, some of it trying to lessen the permitting time for housing by 50 percent. She mentioned that she met with the chair of the Budget Committee, Connie Chan where they talked about how the Department will not be able to make the cuts that have been requested and she also met with labor management. She touched on other events she attended including the United Fire Service Women's boot camp for young women that are interested in becoming firefighters. She described the impacts, damages, and challenges of the recent storms.

Commissioner Fraser thanked the Chief for her report and congratulated everyone who responded to the numerous storm calls and that she looks forward to an update on response times.

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and confirmed that Fire Station 35 took a beating due to the storm as well as the fireboat.

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, Homeland Security, and an update from Assistant Deputy Chief, Shon Buford of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division.

Chief O'Connor presented his report for February 2023. He touched on the Homeland Security Division where they were planning for the Chinese New Year Parade and a BAYEX hazmat exercise on Treasure Island; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office; the Health, Safety, and Wellness Division; the Office of Employee Health; the

Investigative Services Bureau and Support Services. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2734/download?inline>

He concluded his report by acknowledging that Chief Matt Cannon and Paramedic Anthony Chiacco were honored at the Rotary Club awards ceremony, and he provided a short video of the United Fire Service Women's boot camp held on March 18, 2023.

Commissioner Feinstein commended them for their very busy couple of months. She confirmed that the Fire and EMS programs are only available at Mission High School currently but that they are looking to grow that program. She asked if the ESER Bond money that has been deferred to Station 35 will at some point reach the end of costs for maintenance. Chief O'Connor responded that some money from the bond goes towards maintenance and upkeep and that Station 35 is an expensive project and most of that ESER Bond money has been spent on other projects and they are closing out that Bond and moving on to the 2020 bond. Commissioner Feinstein expressed her frustration with the oversight of those Bonds. Chief Luttrupp explained that Station 35 is at the end of its warranty period and so it will not be further encumbering money and Station 14 will get generators but there is currently a 68-week wait time. Commissioner Feinstein also confirmed that the money allotted for Station 7 is unavailable.

Commissioner Fraser confirmed that the cancer champion is much like a station steward. There will be representatives from each station that reaches out and contacts the Health and Safety Chief who will give them a tutorial as to what services are available to the members. She mentioned that she would like to hear more about the members that went to El Salvador.

Commissioner Collins asked that once an ESER project is completed if there is an audit of how funds were spent. Chief O'Connor responded that the budget and legislative analyst does a quarterly report but he's not sure how deep a dive they do into the audit of DPW expenditures. Commissioner Collins suggested a detailed audit would be a helpful way so they can find the leaky sieve.

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief O'Connor for his great report and thought the video was great and added he thinks they are doing a great job recruiting young folds and getting them into the Fire Department.

Chief Buford and Battalion Chief Julie Mau highlighted some of the things they have been doing at the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office and described their goals and priorities for 2023. Chief Buford acknowledged Lt. Hashim Anderson who also works out of the office and has been a solid member of the team. His report is attached:

<https://sf-fire.org/media/2735/download?inline>

Commissioner Fraser was impressed by their report as well as their strategy and approach to helping members throughout their careers. She mentioned that she looks forward to the next boot camp and that she is excited about their recruitment efforts.

Commissioner Feinstein acknowledged the degree to which they have taken the office and their duties to move it forward into new directions and as well as trying new things and she thinks they made good progress in a short amount of time.

There was no public comment.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 6

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Items 6(b) below, including public comment on whether to hold Items 6(b) in closed session.

There was no public comment.

6. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 6(b) IN CLOSED SESSION

[Action]

The Commission may hear Item 6(b) in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

Commissioner Feinstein Moved to conduct the matter in closed session. Vice President Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Proceeded in closed session at 6:11 p.m.

Also in closed session: Secretary Maureen Conefrey, Chief Nicholson, and Deputy City Attorney Robert Rogoyski.

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:

Ronnie Jones v. City and County of San Francisco

San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-21-589810

7. 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).

Nothing to report.

8. 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*]

Reconvened in Open session at 6:47 p.m.

Vice President Morgan Moved to not disclose. Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

9. ADJOURNMENT President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.