

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

May 24, 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=43758

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

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Vice President	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Excused
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Bob Postel	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Tom O’Connor	Deputy Chief – Administration	
Erica Arteseros-Brown	Homeland Security	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Pat D’Arcy	Airport Division	
Matt Alba	Health, Safety & Wellness	
Shon Buford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Darius Luttrupp	ESER Project Manager	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Michael Thompson	Division II	
Brook Baker	Division III	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ephraim of the Western Addition introduced himself and stated he wanted to be a part of the community and connect and that he needed to be rescued.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on May 10, 2023.

Vice President Morgan Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Fraser Seconded. 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 May 10, 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 mentioned that the budget is just about finalized with the mayor's budget office and the mayor has to submit her budget on June 1, 2023. She stated that they had a meeting with Supervisor Aaron Peskin as well as folks from the MTA and Mayor's office about the challenges with autonomous vehicles. She touched on events she attended including the St. Anthony's penny pitch, the James Gallagher interstation run, a labor-management meeting, Station 49's Art Installation, and the first drag laureate event. She announced that Mike Mullin will be the Assistant Deputy Chief of Support Services upon Chief Serrano's retirement and that she attended the EMS awards ceremony where several members were recipients of those awards, Paramedic Nicholas Ku, Paramedic Scott Wagness, Paramedic Chris Couch, and Chief Michael Mason. She introduced Chief Darius Luttrupp who will be taking over Chief Postel's position and Chief Shayne Kaialoa, who will be taking over Chief O'Connor's position. She invited Chief Postel to say a few words since it was going to be his last meeting. Chief Postel provided a few departing words and thanked everyone. She also invited Chief Serrano to say a few words. Chief Serrano also thanked everyone.

President Nakajo thanked the Chief for her report and asked the President of AFA, Stan Lee to come up and talk about the Asian American Heritage and the AFA. Firefighter Lee spoke about the history of the AFA, their proactive outreach, and mentoring efforts.

Vice President Morgan thanked the Chief for her report and acknowledged the nice ceremony today at Station 49. He mentioned that he is available for any help they need in going to the Board of Supervisors and explaining the challenges of autonomous vehicles. He wished happy EMS Appreciation Week to everyone and thanked the retiring staff for their great leadership.

Commissioner Fraser thanked the Chief for her report and expressed her congratulations on EMS Week. She also thought the ceremony at Station 49 was great. She congratulated Chief Postel on his retirement after 32 years of service and thanked him for always bringing up the history of the San Francisco Fire Department in his reports. She thanked Stan Lee for his update.

Commissioner Collins joined the chorus and thanked the chief for her complete report and stated she thought the ceremony at Station 49 was terrific. She congratulated Chief Postel and Chief Serrano on their upcoming retirements.

President Nakajo thanked the chief for recognizing the President of the Asian Firefighters Association, Stan Lee, and allowing him to make his comments. She acknowledged Chief Postel and Chief Serrano for their parting words and thanked them. He congratulated Chief Luttrupp and Chief Kaialoa on their new positions.

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, Erica Arteseros-Brown of Homeland Security Division.

Chief O'Connor presented his report for April 2023. He mentioned that Homeland Security had a busy April with various training and exercises under the California Office of Emergency Services and various drills. He touched on the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the Health, Safety, and Wellness Division; the Office of Employee Health, and Support Services. He congratulated Chief Postel and Chief Serrano on their retirements. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2763/download?inline>

Chief Arteseros-Brown provided an update on the Homeland Security Division and provided some personal history of her life. She stated that the Homeland Security Division started as a way to manage terrorism threats as we are a high-risk city and there is a lot of coordination that comes with it and how they work with various agencies to keep the city safe. Her presentation is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2765/download?inline>

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief Arteseros-Brown for her great report and stated he was glad she is on it to keep us all safe in case something crazy happens.

Commissioner Fraser thanked them both for their reports and stated she will miss Chief O'Connor's humor. She confirmed that the behavioral health navigators are members of the department. She also confirmed with Chief Arteseros-Brown that for some events

that are held in San Francisco, the Department is not responsible for such as Outside Lands where they provide their own medical coverage as they are income-generating events.

President Nakajo stated his intention to get as many officers and units to present for the commission is to get as much information and knowledge about the SFFD. He thanked Chief O'Connor for his report and found them educational. He asked Chief Serrano to provide any new information on the fire training facility and Chief Serrano stated that he is currently working with Chief Mullin to update him on all the projects, fleet challenges, and facility repairs as well as the fire training facility which is the biggest project they have going on now. President Nakajo appreciated his response and thanked him and stated Chief Serrano is going to be missed.

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT President Nakajo adjourned the meeting in memory of Jack McCloskey at 6:13 p.m.