

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

August 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

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Vice President Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Stephen Nakajo	Excused
Vice President	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Excused
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Darius Luttropp	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Shayne Kaialoa	Deputy Chief – Administration	
Sandra Tong	EMS	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Mike Mullin	Support Services	
Julie Mau	Division of Training	
Shon Buford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Garreth Miller	ESER Project Manager	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Niels Tangherlini	Community Paramedicine	
Assistant Chiefs		
Nicol Juratovac	Division II	
Pat Rabbit	Division III	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice President Morgan read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrelis stated he was concerned about the fire season in California, and he believes they are fueled by fossil fuels, and he would like the Fire Commission to consider the federal response to fires in California. He added that he did not think Senator Feinstein is up to the task of delivering all the resources that are needed and in his opinion she should retire. He hoped that Katherine Feinstein is hearing what he is saying and help ease her mother into retirement for the sake of the senator and allow her to exit her storied career with grace.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 9, 2023.

Commissioner Feinstein Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Collins Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with members present.

Michal Petrelis stated that it is a great benefit that the secretary keeps detailed minutes and when he is not able to tune in to the meetings being able to read the minutes is a great help to City Hall watchdogs like himself.

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 August 9, 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 thanked everyone who showed up to the Pistahan event. She mentioned that they have been busy preparing for the APEC event that will be held in the City in November. She thanked everyone who attended the meritorious awards. She attended two meetings with Mayor Breed and Simon Pang to discuss the Street Crisis Response Teams and to address the mayor's concerns and they will follow up with Homelessness and Supportive House to remove any barrier to care and services that remain. She also attended an event for Women's Equality Day that was put on by the Department on the Status of Women. She mentioned that she has been meeting with Chief Buford, Lt. Anderson, and others in terms of putting together a list of people who went through the panel interview process to become an H-2 firefighter, and they will whittle down the list for people to be interviewed by herself and other command staff for the next academy class in January. She has also been meeting with the Department of Capital Planning and Resiliency to talk about the status of projects and the bond cycle. She also attended the Velo bike ride event that ended at Station 51 and the Women's Boot Camp on Treasure Island. She mentioned that Friday night, they saw the failure of quite a few Cruise vehicles in North Beach and Outside Lands that stopped traffic dead in its place as well as other reported incidents, including a crash with Truck 3 in the Tenderloin. She added that the city and Fire Department are not anti-technology, they are pro-public safety, and she hopes to be able to come up with solutions with Cruise and Waymo.

Commissioner Collins stated she was pleased to hear some incremental progress is being made with the driverless cars and she is interested in hearing the response from the companies that manufacture these cars because she thinks that's where the solution will lie. She thanked Chief D'Arcy for a wonderful tour of the Airport's Firehouses and the wonderful lunch. Commissioner Collins asked if cities are rewarded financially for

allowing their streets to be used by the AVs. Chief Nicholson responded, "Not that I know".

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief Nicholson for her report, and he thanked her for all the great work she is doing with the interviews and with the autonomous vehicles. He was glad to hear that DMV was stepping up and he thinks that the California CPUC should have taken more heed to her warnings. He thanked Chief D'Arcy and Chief Luttrupp for the great tour of SFO where they learned a lot and he thought was very informative.

Commissioner Feinstein confirmed that members are still filling out forms in the system when they come across incidents involving autonomous vehicles.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION, DEPUTY CHIEF SHAYNE KAIALOA
Report on the Administrative Divisions, Fleet and Facility status and updates, Finance, Support Services, Homeland Security and update from Anthony Boone of the Environmental Occupational Health and Safety Office.

Chief Kaialoa presented his report for July 2023. He highlighted activities and events happening at Homeland Security under Chief Arteseros Brown, including preparing for APEC and Fleet Week. He touched on NERT, Department of Equity and Inclusion under Chief Buford where they had a summer internship with Mission High School; the Health and Safety Office under Battalion Chief Alba where they have been involved with many initiatives, including the 30 in, 30 out as well as the Cancer Champions. Chief Kaialoa described the new Lighthouse app that will replace the Cortico health app. He touched on the Office of Employee Health under Dr. Brokaw and RN Stephanie Phelps, Investigative Services under Captain Todd Weddle who continues to assist with the onboarding of the H-2 and H-3 Level 1, 2, and 3; and Support Services, under Chief Mike Mullin who is working toward creating efficiencies and gaining valuable data to help improve on Support Services. He announced that they have promoted Captain Jose Zalba to oversee the ESER projects. He also mentioned that the Department has a Strike Team out at the Smith Rivers fire. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2842/download?inline>

Anthony Boone introduced himself and provided a brief history of his background and what he does for the Fire Department. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2843/download?inline>

Commissioner Collins thanked Mr. Boone for his report and confirmed that the biggest challenge in the coming years is the loss of experience with the outgoing of aging firefighters.

There was no public comment.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 6

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

There was no public comment.

6. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

The Commission may hear Items 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.
Commissioner Collins Seconded. The motion was unanimous.*

Proceeded in closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Also in closed session: Secretary Maureen Conefrey, Deputy City Attorney Carlos Almendarez, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, and Deputy City Attorney Caroline Page.

b. THE COMMISSION IS NOT MEETING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 798 IN CLOSED SESSION. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR ATTORNEY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. This item is for the Commission to meet in closed session with their labor counsel and provide direction for bargaining with the San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 ("Local 798"). Local 798 is not permitted to attend this closed session meeting. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(e).

Further discussion regarding potential changes to the rules of Commission Appeals.

c. If Closed Session is held, reconvene in Open Session

1. Report on any action taken in Closed Session as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(5) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(b)(4).

2. 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 Item]**

Reconvened in Open session at 7:09 p.m.

*Commissioner Feinstein Moved to not disclose. Commissioner Collins Seconded.
The motion was unanimous.*

7. ADJOURNMENT: Vice President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.