

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

October 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Vice President	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Darius Luttrupp	Deputy Chief -- Operations	
Shayne Kaialoa	Deputy Chief – Administration	
Sandra Tong	EMS	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Mike Mullin	Support Services	
Erica Arteseros	Homeland Security	
Pat D’Arcy	Airport Division	
Julie Mau	Training Division	
Shon Bufford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Garreth Miller	ESER Project Manager	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Assistant Chiefs		
Michael Thompson	Division II	
Nicol Juratovac	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry stated that you shouldn’t play with fire.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 11, 2023.

Vice President Morgan Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion passed with a yes vote from President Nakajo. Both Commissioner Feinstein and Commissioner Collins recused themselves as they were not at the 10/11/23 meeting.

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 October 11, 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 APEC preparations continue and that Chief Arteseros Brown and Chief Tong have been leading the way for the Department in the meetings. She has also participated in a meeting with the Secret Service and a multitude of other government agencies. She and Chief Kaialoa also attended the Cal Chiefs conference in Ontario California and the COIT Tower 90th celebration. Other events she attended include the first responder career pathways fair, the NERT Drill at St. Ignatius, the banquet in honor of Chief Tong and Chief Kaialoa and she met with the new set of 9910's at EMS. She mentioned that she met with a new nonprofit that was put together by retired Firefighter Walter Villavicencio where they offer financial support and other peer support for folks who are having challenging issues. She also had a productive meeting with Supervisor Chan on the Emergency Firefighter Water Supply System. She announced that the mayor has ordered all city departments to cut three percent from their midyear budget. She also announced that Cruise had its autonomous permit revoked for now by the DMV.

Commissioner Collins asked how Cruise and Waymo explain accidents. Chief Luttrupp responded that the Police Department is the investigating entity of accidents with injury but it's his understanding is that the car did what it was programmed to do by their engineers. He added that they have brought this up in meetings with them and discussed concerns about what happened at that incident at 5th and Market. Commissioner Collins stated that she assumes the department played a big role in getting the permit revoked for Cruise because it is a PR disaster.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief Luttrupp for his report on the Cruise AVs and his term of "cultural disconnect". She also confirmed that Zoox is operating under a different licensure, and they are testing with a safety driver, so they are not autonomous in the city.

She also wanted to offer an appreciation for all who have taken on another job that they didn't sign up for or budget time for as far as dealing with the companies, the engineers, and the problems they are causing to the citizens. She also thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and stated it's amazing how much happens in a month and that the AFA banquet was terrific and she was proud to be there.

Commissioner Feinstein confirmed that the accident with Cruise may have been prevented with a much slower process, a more measured process, and one that had far more mandated reporting from the companies back to the regulatory agencies that the sharing of information wouldn't have purely been voluntary, it would have been a mandatory reporting process. She also confirmed that the woman who was hit is still hospitalized.

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief Luttrupp for his time dealing with the autonomous vehicle industry and looking out for the citizens of San Francisco's best interest as far as safety. He thanked Chief Nicholson for her report and confirmed that overtime will be offered to members for the APEC convention.

President Nakajo asked how long the duration of the permit being suspended is. Chief Nicholson responded until further notice. He expressed his desire to have the department at the table when talks resume about lifting the suspended permit.

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 September 2023. He mentioned that Homeland Security under the Direction of Assistant Deputy Chief Erica Arteseros Brown has been extremely busy with so many of the events that are happening throughout San Francisco, including not only home events, but others including Fleet Week, and APEC as well as the UASI initiatives, building out the drone program, and an update on the disaster manual. During September, she also coordinated with many agencies, including the governor's Office of Emergency Services, the United States Coast Guard, multiple fire agencies, the Water and Transportation Authority, and many more to deliver training throughout the week. Chief Kaialoa touched on the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion under the direction of Assistant Deputy Chief Shonb Buford where they have performed and conducted 170 H-2 interviews, along with Chief Nicholson, Assistant Deputy Chief Mau, and Chief Sayumi. He explained the EMT requirement as coming in as an H-2 suppression academy, or candidate and moving to the national registry EMT,

also known as NREMT which would reduce the workload on the EMSA as thousands of people put in to work for the San Francisco Fire Department and align us with the FCTC. He mentioned that Lt. Hashim Anderson attended and participated in the Fire Dynamics Workshop with the Exploratorium for 30 science educators that took place at a Treasure Island training facility. He touched on the Health and Safety Division under BC Alba, Environmental Occupational Health and Safety under Tony Boone, the Office of Employee Health with Dr. Brokaw and Nurse Practitioner Stephanie Phelps, the Investigative Services under Captain Todd Waddle, Support Services under Assistant Deputy Chief Mike Mullin and Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response under Assistant Deputy Chief Gareth Miller. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2903/download?inline>

Commissioner Feinstein confirmed that members have 24 hours to report to work following a disaster which is in the recall plan. She commended Chief Kaialoa for all the things he is tackling.

President Nakajo asked Captain Ed Chu to come to the podium to present on the Assignment Office.

Captain Chu thanked the commission for inviting him. He provided a brief history of his employment in the Department. He mentioned that he has six staff in his unit, one uniformed and five civilians and they work 365 days a week. He added that they receive hundreds of phone calls and emails daily from members within the Department, going off SP, volunteering for overtime, and managing mandatory lists. They also take care of OES deployments. He explained all his duties in detail. He thanked his staff and stated they are some of the best people he has worked with, and their knowledge of Department policies and rules help run the Department smoothly and they have great work ethic.

Chief Nicholson stated that Ed Chu has been a huge value to the Department and that he volunteers to do stuff all the time.

Commissioner Fraser stated his report helped her learn a little bit more about how the department works and thanked him for his report.

Vice President Morgan thanked him for his report and for making the command staff's jobs a lot easier.

President Nakajo confirmed that Captain Chu worked on and off at the Assignment Office about 15 years ago and now he is the officer in charge. President Nakajo also confirmed that Captain Chu most of his career at Battalion 10 and that he owns that spot. He also

confirmed that under Prop F they have minimum staffing levels, and it is Captain Chu's responsibility to know the numbers, how many they are short every day, and the staffing and if they don't have enough volunteers for overtime, they must go to the mandatory lists.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM EMS AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, DEPUTY CHIEF SANDRA TONG

Report on the EMS and Community Paramedicine Divisions.

Chief Tong reported for September. She stated that they averaged about 370 calls a day for September, with two days with over 400 calls and the market share was about 78 percent. She announced that on September 8th they had four new H-3 Level 2 paramedics graduate from the academy and are all working in the field. She added that they also had six EMTs that advanced to paramedic on September 24th, and that they started the 24th H-3 Level 1 EMT class and they re due to graduate and hit the streets Thanksgiving weekend. She stated that one of their highlights was on September 7th when the San Francisco Fire Department Community Paramedicine Division became the first provider in California to receive formal approval of their Community Paramedicine programs, which is a huge endeavor and includes the EMS-6 program. She mentioned that they had another community speaker series with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing staff members, Lisa Rachowicz and Tiana Wertheim and they shared a comprehensive view of the shelter and housing system. She recognized Chief Tangherlini as the OG of Community Paramedicine and the start of EMS-6. Her report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2904/download?inline>

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief Tong for her great report and stated she was fortunate to go out with EMS-6 when she was a brand-new commissioner and got to see up close and personal from the get-go what they have done, and it was very heartening and impressive.

Vice President Morgan thanked Chief Tong for her report and congratulated her on moving out of the pilot phase and with the street response teams with the Community Paramedicine Division.

Commissioner Collins thanked Chief Tong for her excellent report and asked who they share their aggregate data with. Chief Tong explained that it depends, on a lot of the Community Paramedicine programs, some dashboards are publicly available, and some of it is used internally to determine if they are doing things operationally appropriately or if can they be more efficient. There was discussion on how the data could make a bigger impact.

President Nakajo congratulated Chief Tong, Chief Nicholson, Chief Pang, and Chief Sloan on the formal approval of the EMS as well as the formal approval of the Community Paramedicine concept. He also congratulated Chief Tangherlini on his Jefferson Award recognition and that it was well deserved.

There was no public comment.

5. RESOLUTION 2023-06 [Discussion and possible action]

Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Resolution 2023-06, recommending that the Board of Supervisors authorize the San Francisco Fire Department to accept a donation of 1,920 smoke detector alarms and 536 carbon monoxide detector alarms valued at \$62,857.50 from Kidde for the Department's Fire Prevention Division.

Mark Corso presented Resolution 2023-06 and asked for approval for this item.

Commissioner Fraser Moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Feinstein Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT: President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.