

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2024, 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:

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice President Fraser read the land acknowledgment.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrelis did not attend but submitted the following public comment: “First, I must thank commission secretary Maureen Conefrey for the detailed minutes she writes up for each meeting, that keep the public informed when we can't attend or watch

meetings. Wishing all commission secretary followed Conefrey's minute-taking. Next, as I requested last month, I again ask the commission to delve into the ride along program, specifically to examine if paramedics and their superiors are adhering to rules governing it. Political candidate Bilal Mahmood was explicitly told he couldn't document his ride along in February, yet he violated SFFD rules. Mahmood shared on his social media accounts pics of him with paramedics and an SFFD vehicle prominently featured. This may give voters the wrong impression of SFFD endorsement of his candidacy. The photos, in my opinion, clearly violated your rules, reasons why the commission should schedule a discussion regarding ride-alongs, especially with political candidates.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2024.

Commission Nakajo Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Collins Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

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 13, 2024, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

Chief Nicholson announced that it was Women's History Month, and she attended the Women's History Month celebration on the mayor's balcony along with Commissioner Collins. Other events she attended included a photo shoot for Women's History Month that was also attended by Vice President Fraser and Commissioner Feinstein, the St. Patrick's Parade, a little party at Headquarters for Dr. Brokaw's retirement, the 100th anniversary of the St. Francis Hotel and the San Francisco firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation Gala Igniting Hope. She added that she concluded the meet and greets for the 134th academy class. She also attended the San Francisco Fire Department infrastructure meeting with Commissioner Collins, the City Administrator Carmen Chu, and Deputy City Administrator Doug Leggett to figure out how they get the most money out of the current bond. She touched briefly on the horrific traffic accident at West Portal and that she has reached out to the members who responded to check on them as well as having the Behavioral Health Unit team involved to work with them. She mentioned that Local 798 had a rally on the steps of City Hall regarding PFAS free turnouts and Supervisor Peskin brought forth some legislation mandating this by June 2026 in addition to Chief Kaialoa, Director Corso and Grant Writer Shiloh secured a 2.3-million-dollar grant for turnouts specifically and are looking at other grants.

Commission Collins confirmed that other fire departments across the county have a demand for cancer-free turnouts as well.

Commissioner Nakajo thanked the Chief for her report and appreciated her update on the search and history of the cancer-free turnouts. He also mentioned his appreciation for visiting the members who responded to the accident in West Portal.

Vice President Fraser confirmed with Chief Kaialoa that there are about 6 cities that are testing the PFAS turnouts. Commissioner Fraser also confirmed that there have been other organizations and 501 (C) (3)s that have popped up, but Tony Stefani started the Cancer Prevention Foundation 17 years ago and Chief Nicholson stated she thinks that predated pretty much any of the other ones. Vice President Fraser confirmed they are testing two manufacturers, LION and Fire-Dex. He explained how the testing works.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION, DEPUTY CHIEF SHAYE KAIALOA

Report on the Administrative Divisions, Fleet and Facility status and updates, Finance, Support Services, and Homeland Security.

Chief Kaialoa presented his report for February 2024. He started with Homeland Security under Chief Brown where she continued to maintain situation awareness, both at the federal, state, and local levels. She attended the National Weather Briefing, the Mayor's Office Event Planning meeting, and the development of the Chinese New Year, and Lunar New Year parade event action plan. He added that they are updating the disaster manual. He also stated that Chief Brown gives back to the community by attending the John Muir Elementary Read-Aloud event in February. He touched on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office under Chief Buford; where he's involved with Pipelines and looking at best practices in hiring potential candidates as well as professional development and internships. He added that Chief Buford is also giving back to the community, attended the Dr. Carver Academic Elementary School, and was a guest reader for the 20th annual Read In. He also attended the 2024 Black History Month kickoff with the rest of the command staff and Lt. Hashim Anderson who is always doing much work for the upcoming 134th academy. He mentioned that the Health and Safety Division under Battalion Chief Matt Alba is involved in three studies, a Sulforaphane study, a nutrition study, and the PPE wear test working closely with Support Service on procurement of PFAS free turnouts, looking at cost analysis, and instrumentalization as they move forward with PFAS free turnouts. He added that Captain Buren from the Behavioral Health Unit has been busy and has started a cohort for transcendental meditation. He touched on the Office of Employee Health, Investigative Services, and Support Services. He announced that Captain Vince Wong of the Bureau of Equipment will be retiring in June. He stated that the Earthquake and Emergency Response Division under the leadership of Assistant Deputy Chief Miller where is he continues to work on

the network modernization project. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2979/download?inline>

Commissioner Nakajo confirmed that the classification 9910's come out of the City EMT program and once they complete their City EMT program, they get their EMT license, pass the national registry, can apply to do a paid internship on the ambulance where they need to complete 500 hours on the ambulance as that is what one needs to be able to apply for the EMT position in the San Francisco Fire Department. There was a discussion on the expenditure of the ESER Bond money and how they will have to get creative to upgrade Station 7 and funding for replacing the retired medical buses.

Commission Collins confirmed that the design for Stations 5 and 7 will be the same so they don't have to reinvent the wheel and get a cost estimate from DPW and a market estimate.

Vice President Fraser mentioned the HBCU pipeline for recruitment and how it is in line with what the mayor talked about at the State of the City to invite an HBCU to move into downtown San Francisco in some of the vacant buildings and she thinks that would be a terrific partnership if that can happen. There was discussion about the Department not having an annual health check and the issues concerning that.

There was no public comment.

5 ADJOURNMENT Vice President Fraser adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.