

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

May 22, 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:

https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=180&clip_id=46219

President Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Armie Morgan	Present
Vice President	Marcy Fraser	Present
Commissioner	Stephen Nakajo	Excused
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
Commissioner	Paula Collins	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Darius Luttrupp	Deputy Chief -- Excused	
Sandy Tong	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Mike Mullin	Support Services	
Shon Buford	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
Julie Mau	Training	
Erica Arteseros Brown	Homeland Security	
Ken Cofflin	Prevention	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Garreth Miller	ESER Project Manager	
Assistant Chiefs		
Nicol Juratovac	Division II	
Michael Thompson	Division III	

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Morgan read the land acknowledgment.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

An unidentified male spoke about secrets and conspiracy services.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2024.

Commissioner Collins Moved to approve the minutes and President Morgan 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 April 10, 2024, including budget, academies, special events, communications, and outreach to other government agencies and the public.

Chief Nicholson stated that on May 8th, she and Chief Luttrupp attended a policy group exercise with DEM, SFPD, and other city departments for a city-wide disaster drill for a simulated earthquake and added that the City has a very strong disaster plan. She mentioned that she and both Commissioners Fraser and Collins attended the Cecil Williams Celebration of Life. She stated that on Monday, they unveiled the Headquarters mural in which they worked with the Academy of Art and their students. She touched on SB 43 which has to do with conservatorship and 51/50 holds. She attended a labor-management meeting with Local 798. She announced that it was EMS Appreciation Week, and she gave a shout-out to all the folks in EMS and Community Paramedicine and those in Suppression who do a lot of the EMS work as well. She mentioned there was an EMS award Ceremony where three members were acknowledged for their wonderful work, EMT Frank Kaner, Section Chief of Community Paramedicine, April Sloan, and Emily Tam. She touched on the Budget and announced that the H-2 academy Graduation is Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:00. She acknowledged the members and their impressive work on the numerous fires over the reporting period.

Commissioner Collins commented how appreciative the whole Glide community was of the Department's representation at Reverend Williams' ceremony.

Vice President Fraser stated it was incredible to be part of the audience at Reverend Williams' service. She thanked the Chief for her report and suggested that they keep an eye on the number of conservatorships that take place. She confirmed they received a 2.3 million grant toward new PFAS-free turnouts, but the cost will likely be around 10 to 12 million dollars.

President Morgan said it was good news about the conservatorship. He gave a shout-out to all the EMS workers for EMS Appreciation Week. There was a brief discussion about the budget and that Mr. Corso will provide an update at a later meeting, but they were not able to give a 10 percent cut without impacting operations.

There was no public comment.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF DARIUS LUTTROPP

Report on overall field operations, including greater alarm fires, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation, Training within the Department, and Airport Division, and acknowledgement of firefighters who responded to the Greater Alarm Fire at 720 Masonic Avenue on 12/11/23.

Chief Luttrupp provided an Operations update for April 2024. He mentioned that there were two greater alarm fires, the first on April 6 at 698 Kansas Street and the incident commander was Assistant Chief Brook Baker. He described the fire and how they attacked it in detail. The second one was on April 26, 2024, on Lyon Street, a building under construction which he reported on a couple of times. He described the fire and attack in detail. The incident commander was Assistant Chief Ken Yee. He touched on the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation, the Airport Division, The Division of Training, and NERT where they had a citywide drill on April 20, 2024, that was well attended including by Commissioner Nakajo. He mentioned that regarding autonomous vehicles, he traveled to Sacramento and testified in front of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Assembly on Assemblymember Ting's AB 1777 and it covers nearly all of the things that the Chief has asked for, as well as some changes to the California Vehicle Code that changes how reporting is done and an attempt at a way to sanction the companies for not complying with the California Vehicle Code. His report is attached: <https://sf-fire.org/media/3017/download?inline>

Vice President Fraser thanked him for his interesting report. She congratulated the Division of Training on the 101 probationary firefighters. She confirmed that a knee wall is a description of a short non-bearing wall that is used to cover angles of the roof.

President Morgan thanked him for his descriptive report.

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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING

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 San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

*Vice President Fraser Moved to conduct item 6(b) in closed session.
Commissioner Collins seconded. The motion was unanimous.*

Closed session convened at 6:04.

Also in closed session was Maureen Conefrey.

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING: CLASS 1454 - FIRE COMMISSION SECRETARY- *[Discussion and possible action]*

The Commission will go through applications and resumes to select eligible candidates for the first round of interviews. This item may be held in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

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).

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 6:20.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.