

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely on WebEx and in person at City Hall, Room 400.

The Video can be viewed by clicking this link:

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Vice President Nakajo called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Katherine Feinstein	Excused
Vice President	Stephen Nakajo	Present
Commissioner	Armie Morgan	Present
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser	Present
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson	Present.
Robert Postel	Deputy Chief – Operations	
Thomas O’Connor	Deputy Chief –Administration	
Sandy Tong	EMS	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Erica Arteseros	Homeland Security	
Assistant Chiefs		
Ken Yee	Division II	
Brook Baker	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	
Olivia Scanlon	Communications and Outreach	

2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice President Nakajo read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. RESOLUTION 2022-10 [Discussion and possible action]

Adoption of resolution setting forth findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Commissioner Fraser Moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Morgan Seconded. The motion was unanimous.

There was no public comment.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from regular Meeting on June 24, 2022.

Commissioner Morgan Moved to approve the minutes as amended and Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Minutes from regular Meeting on July 13, 2022.

Commissioner Morgan Moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Fraser Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. 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 11, 2022, 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 stated that one member is positive with COVID, six members are out longer than 30 days on long term COVID and 14 members are on COVID quarantine. She mentioned that she attended the Giants Firefighter Appreciation Night game, along with Fire Marshal Cofflin, Assistant Deputy Chief Arteseros Brown, Chief Postel and Chief O'Connor. She announced that they have deployed 17 members to the Oak Fire. Regarding the budget, she stated that she and her staff have spent a lot of time with the mayor's budget director, the Board of Supervisors and their legislative aids during the budget process and announced that Mayor London Breed signed the 14-billion-dollar budget today. Included in the Fire Department's budget is an additional Deputy Chief of EMS and Community Paramedicine (CD4) position, who will report directly to the Chief of Department as well as 3.5 million dollars for equipment this year and 3.5 million dollars for equipment next year.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated Chief Nicholson on the budget and asked her if the positions for the recently retired members are being filled. Chief Nicholson responded that over the past fiscal year, they had approximately 87 retirements which have basically been filled with the academy classes and she anticipates two more academies for each year for the next two years.

Commissioner Fraser congratulated everyone on the half billion-dollar department budget and on changing the administrative code for the new position of CD4. She also confirmed that 80 percent of the calls are medical related.

Vice President Nakajo confirmed that the adoption of this year's budget was approximately 500 million dollars and encompasses all areas of the Department funded with the general fund and funded via external sources such as the airport or through work orders. He also confirmed that they went back three times for supplemental requests for 50 new ambulance personnel, overtime, and worker's compensation allowance. Vice President Nakajo commented that the Department still has needs. He also confirmed that Chief Tong will be filling the new CD4 position.

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, and Homeland Security.

Chief O'Connor presented his May 2022 administration report. He mentioned that Chief Arteseros-Brown, Chief of Homeland Security had a busy month as she provided support and planning for the Alcatraz Triathlon Marine Support as well as the Pride and Warriors parades. He stated that Chief Parks of the Behavioral Health Unit, held another "coffee with a clinician" event in Battalion 10. He touched on the Physician's Office, Investigative Services Bureau, and Support Services where they had 137 requests for service and 102 of those service orders were completed.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief O'Connor for his report and videos. She confirmed that coffee with behavioral health is being sponsored by employee groups and the credit union with a per diem clinician. She also got clarification on the random drug and alcohol testing that is conducted through the Investigative Services Bureau.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated Chief O'Connor on the budget and the COVID numbers going down. He confirmed that the leave of absence document in his report can mean various things, such as tie off for mental health, education, FMLA, etc. and can be with pay by using their own timebanks, or without pay if they don't have time left in their timebanks.

Vice President Nakajo confirmed with Chief Arteseros-Brown that Homeland Security always plans for the worst-case scenario when planning for events such as the Pride Parade and Warriors Parade. They sometimes work in coordinating roles with the Federal Government to plan for potential incidents and backup contingencies. He also confirmed with Chief Serrano that the 9.1 million dollars is the balance on the 2016 Public Health and Safety Bond which will most likely be used for station generators and removal of hose towers. Vice President Nakajo confirmed that Lt. Teupel is the interim logistic lieutenant handling the Clothing Depot and that they are experiencing supply chain challenges for getting materials to the manufactures to put together the turnout equipment.

Commissioner Fraser got clarification on what hose towers are and how most of them have been removed from Stations except for Station 15 where they will be keeping it for historical value.

There was no public comment

7. **ADJOURNMENT** Vice President Nakajo adjourned the meeting at 5:59p.m.