

**FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 26, 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:

https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=180&clip_id=42369

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

1. ROLL CALL

Commission President	Katherine Feinstein	Present
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	Deputy Chief – EMS and Community Paramedicine	
Niels Tangherlini	EMS	
Simon Pang	Community Paramedicine	
Ramon Serrano	Support Services	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Patrick D’Arcy	Airport Division	
Shayne Kaialoa	Division of Training	
Ken Cofflin	Bureau of Fire Prevention	
Erica Arteseros	Homeland Security	
Assistant Chiefs		
Ken Yee	Division II	
Nicol Juratovac	Division III	
Staff		
Mark Corso	Deputy Director of Finance	
Olivia Scanlon	Communications and Outreach	

2. RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Feinstein read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. RESOLUTION 2022-15 [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. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Deputy Chief Robert Postel to provide overview of fire at 10 Inca Lane on May 13, 2022, and Fire Commission to present certificates of appreciation to teachers at Rosa Park Elementary School for their heroic efforts.

Chief Postel provided a detailed overview of the significant fire at 10 Inca Lane which occurred on May 13, 2022, and he shared a video of the fire. Assistant Chief Yee, who was the incident commander that day also provided additional information concerning the fire. Vice President Nakajo read an article from the Nichi Bei Time written by reporter Derek Tahara entitled “Teachers respond to fire in San Francisco Western Addition. The Commission then presented certificates of appreciation to teachers: Ruben Guzman, Zachary Marlin, Cecily Ina-Lee, Remi Nakamoto, and Vincent Reyes. Chief Nicholson and the commissioners thanked them for their heroic efforts of running into the burning building and looking out for the community and making the firefighters' job a little bit easier that day. Jenny Lam, President of the San Francisco Unified School District stated how proud she was of the educators and staff from Rosa Parks Elementary and called them the unsung heroes every day and how grateful she is for their dedication and service to the children. Sherifa Miranda-Tiamiyu, Principal at Rosa Parks also thanked the teachers as well as Darren Kawaii, former principal of Rosa Parks. There was a brief break taken for photo opportunities.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from regular Meeting on October 12, 2022.

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

There was no public comment.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Church, Michael Hadley, an unidentified male, Luke Bornheimer, and Drew McDaniel spoke in Support of the Golden Gate Green Way project and asked the SFFD to stop obstructing the project and that the Fire Commission find a way to work with the community

7. 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 thanked Vice President Nakajo for bringing the teachers here and acknowledge them. She stated that on October 15,

2022, there was a city-wide NERT drill at St. Ignatius and that Vice President Nakajo and Commissioner Fraser attended. She touched on the eleven-student 9910 academy class which is an academy for young people from the City EMT program so they can get their required 500 hours which will allow them to apply for a full-time permanent job as an EMT with the Department. She attended the Loma Prieta art installation dedicated right by Station 35, a capital planning meeting, the Great Shakeout event, the San Francisco Government Panel, and the meritorious awards ceremony. She mentioned that she attended a rundown presentation of the Galleri Cancer Test that will be offered to members and is funded by the San Francisco Firefighter Cancer Prevention Foundation. She announced that they will be switching from the National Testing Network to the FCTC, which is a statewide test with the support from the Fire Marshal's office and labor unions where young people can get help through the process.

President Nakajo confirmed that the new test they are planning on using for H-2 firefighters will be a statewide test instead of the current national test. He described the many scenarios of testing he has witnessed over the many years he's been a commissioner.

Commissioner Fraser stated she thought the NERT Drill was fun and that after that drill she attended three open houses at various fire stations. She confirmed that the Galleri Cancer Test will be offered to members who are 35 or older and have been in the department for five years or more and that it will be on a volunteer basis.

President Feinstein asked if the cancer test will be done through analysis of blood or other means such as scans. Chief Nichols responded that she believes it's a blood test and the San Francisco Firefighter Cancer Prevention Foundation is paying for it.

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 September 2022 Administration report. He touched on Homeland Security under the leadership of Chief Arteseros Brown, which had a busy September kicking off Fleet Week, trained with sailors and learned and shared knowledge about shipboard firefighting with the US Navy, attended humanitarian village at the Marina Green, the NERT celebration rally to recognize the 33rd anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake and the city-wide NERT drill. He touched on the Health, Safety, and Wellness Division currently held by Battalion Chief Matt Alba and Chief Natasha Parks where they have made some efforts to have a vibrant and broad Behavioral Health Unit. He described in detail the Galleri Cancer Test where they have seen very low rates of false positives and

where many cancers are identified early. Chief O'Connor announced that Dr. Brokaw and Nurse Stephanie Phelps shared that the OSHA-mandated screening is returning to the SFFD this fall and they will be testing for tuberculosis and doing hearing tests for all firefighters. He touched on Investigative Services Bureau, Support Services where they had 173 requests for service submitted in September with 135 service orders completed. He stated that the United Fire Service Women is firing at all cylinders and delivering a lot of services to the members, whether it's the Breast Health Symposium or its boot camp at Treasure Island. He described the slides in his attached report: <https://sf-fire.org/media/2519/download?inline>

Vice President Nakajo thanked him for his comprehensive report, and he acknowledged the cancer test and thought it was quite significant and important.

Commissioner Fraser thanked Chief O'Connor for his report and asked how many members access the behavioral health resources. Chief O'Connor responded that he would get those numbers to her as they just started collecting data anonymously and traditionally it's been a very private endeavor where they try to keep the confidentiality for the members.

President Feinstein thanked Chief O'Connor for his report as well as Chief Rabbit for driving her to four different houses for her first tri-annual. She confirmed that a member who takes a shower and rides a bike in a sauna after a significant fire can sweat out toxins according to initial research but it's not definitive. They are continuing to research the effects. She also confirmed that all stations have decontamination and drying machines for turnouts and equipment

There was no public comment

9. ADJOURNMENT President Feinstein adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.