

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

FIRE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
November 13, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
698 Second Street, Room 102, San Francisco, CA 94107

AGENDA

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. Members of the public attending the meeting in-person will have an opportunity to provide public comment. Members of the public participating remotely may access the meeting and participate remotely by following the instructions below. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes per item.

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Item No.

1. ROLL CALL

President	Stephen A. Nakajo
Vice President	Arnie Morgan
Commissioner	Katherine Feinstein
Commissioner	Marcy Fraser
Commission	Paula Collins

2. CASE NO. 2023-05: HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS ON VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT *[Discussion and possible action]*

On October 2, 2023, Chief of Department Jeanine Nicholson filed a Verified Complaint with the Commission recommending termination for the following violations:

1. SFFD Vehicle Operations Manual, Section 1, pg. 1.1
Members in the following ranks are required to maintain (at a minimum) a Class ‘C’ driver’s license with Firefighter Endorsement: H-2 Firefighter.”
2. MOU between CCSF & Local 798 Section 41, Subsection 41.1
“All regularly assigned members of Engine, Truck Companies, Rescue and Service Squads, and EMS Field Units shall be required to possess, at a minimum, a

“Restricted Class C” driver’s license with “Restriction 50” and carry a DL88, Firefighter Endorsement Card, signed by the ADC of Training.”

3. Employee Handbook – City & Conty of San Francisco, License to Drive, pg. 9
“If your job duties require you to drive, you must have the appropriate licenses and maintain insurability under your department’s automobile liability insurance policy.”

This case may be heard in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

A. Public Comment on Special Meeting Agenda Item; Possible Closed Session

Members of the public may comment on all matters pertaining to Agenda Item 2 and whether to consider the matter in closed session. [Government Code 54957(b), Administrative Code §67.15(b)]

B. Votes on Closed Session

1. Whether to hold the hearing on the verified complaint in closed session [Action]
2. Whether to conduct deliberations in closed session [Action]

C. Hearing and Deliberations

1. Hearing on verified complaint (in open or closed session, per the Commission’s vote)
2. Deliberations and possible action on charges (in open or closed session, per the Commission’s vote) [Discussion and Possible Action]

D. If Closed Session is held, reconvene in Open Session

1. Report on any action taken in Closed Session as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(5) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(b)(4).
2. 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 Item]*

3. ADJOURNMENT

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commission Meeting Schedule and Location

The Fire Commission will meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. The second Wednesday in Room 416 at 9:00 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday in Room 400 at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Office

The Fire Commission Office is located at 698 Second Street, Room 220, San Francisco, CA 94107. The Fire Commission telephone number is (415) 558-3451. The web address is <https://sf-fire.org/>. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Remote Public Participation and Comment

It is possible that the Fire Commission may experience technical challenges that interfere with the ability of members of the public to participate in the meeting remotely. If that happens, the Fire Commission will attempt to correct the problem but may continue with the meeting as long as people attending in-person, and anyone who has received a disability accommodation to offer remote public comment, are able observe and offer public comment.

Remote public comment is available upon request for individuals who cannot attend in person due to disability under the disability-related modification or accommodation procedure outlined below.

Language Access

Per the Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), Chinese, Spanish and or Filipino (Tagalog) interpreters will be available upon requests. Meeting Minutes may be translated, if requested, after they have been adopted by the Commission. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Commission Secretary at (415) 558-3451, or fire.commission@sfgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

Information on Disability Access

The hearing rooms in City Hall are wheelchair accessible. The closest accessible BART station is the Civic Center Station at United Nations Plaza and Market Street. Accessible MUNI lines serving this location are: #42 Downtown Loop, and #71 Haight/Noriega and the F Line to Market and Van Ness and the Metro Stations at Van Ness and Market and at Civic Center. For information about MUNI accessible services call (415) 923-6142. There is

accessible curbside parking adjacent to City Hall on Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue and in the vicinity of the Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485.

To obtain a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the meeting, please contact the Commission Secretary at least two business days before the meeting at (415) 558-3451 to make arrangements. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

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Documents for Public Inspection

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(Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code)

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San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance

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