

**MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 19, 2022 – 11:00 AM
Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236**

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

3. Moment of silence for US Firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths:

Chief Wesley Adams

Battalion Chief John Ruddy

Firefighter Jessie Henry

Assistant Chief Bryant Gladney

Firefighter Marshawn Plummer

Firefighter Anthony Carfagno

Firefighter Thomas Joseph Rees

Firefighter James Ludlum

Captain Cecil "Brian" Busch

Fire Inspector Donald Gross

4. Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Meszoros, W. Marshall, C. Saunders-Maignan, J. Larcheveque, G. Pettway, A/Chief Edwards, DC Buck

Absent: R. Russo, A/DC Cronin

5. Minutes:

Entertain a motion to dispense with reading of minutes of the previous meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

6. Old Business:

i. None.

7. New Business:

i. Local 834 2022-1 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure, restricted to whether the City of Bridgeport violated the collective bargaining agreement when it failed to properly calculate FF Robert Whitbread's final payout at retirement.

President Dobbs has requested the item be tabled to February's Board of Commissioners meeting so he can meet with Labor Relations and Human Resources. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second.

ii. Entertain a motion to remove Josephine Messina, deceased December 1, 2021, from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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- iii. Entertain a motion to remove Richard Tuozzoli, retired Lieutenant, deceased December 22, 2021, from the Firefighters Pension and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- iv. Entertain a motion to remove Marilyn Gerathy, deceased December 20, 2021, from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- v. Entertain a motion to remove Dorothy Hogle, deceased December 3, 2021, from the Widow's Pension list and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

8. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

- **AC Manuel Firpi - Declined Executive Session**

Chief Firpi advised is recovering and continues with PT. Chief advised he has 8 to 10 more weeks of PT.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Marshall moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **AC John Mazza - Not In Attendance**

DC Buck advised AC Mazza has returned to work.

No motion required.

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- **FF Maurice Barnes – Declined Executive Session**

FF Barnes advised he continues with PT 2X/week and has 3 to 4 more months of PT and recovery.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting; Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Ronald Reed – Declined Executive Session**

FF Reed advised he has started aqua therapy. Working on exercising and strengthening his body. This will determine if he requires surgery. Next doctor's appointment in 3 weeks.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Tyshaun Lester – Not in attendance**

DC Buck has advised the Board the Administration has received a letter from FF Lester they are processing and will be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FI Richard Minfield – Declined Executive Session**

FI Minfield advised he continues with PT for his back. Working with a pain management doctor. Next doctor's appointment is 1/24/2022.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor I's have it.

- **FF Eriq McCalla – Declined Executive Session**

FF McCalla advised he has a doctor's appoint on 1/21 and he is going to recommend a specialist for his esophagus and diaphragm and hopefully he can receive a RTW date of March 1. He can perform light duty now, but due to COVID-19 positivity rates in the city he cannot come to work.

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Entertain a motion to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

• **FF Joseph Torres – Declined Executive Session**

FF Torres advised he under the care of his surgeon and scheduled for surgery on 2/16/2022.

Entertain a motion to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

• **FF Sampher Adorno – Declined Executive Session**

FF Adorno has PT 2X a week, seeing a pain management doctor and chiropractor for his back. Next doctor's appointment is 2/3/2022.

Entertain a motion to table to the February Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Saunders-Maignan; Commissioner second; all in favor: I's have it.

9. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of Sick and Injury

Commissioner Marshall moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

10. Policy and Procedure review:

- Chief Edwards advised the Board of the following:
 - 1 FF Recruit who was injured at the CFA during Class #68 will start the CFA Class #69 on 2/1.
 - Public Facilities is working on repairs/updates to the CPAT Building on River St.
 - Recruitment will begin in approximately 1 month with emphasis on recruiting females. 4 Members will be detailed to the Recruitment Team.
 - 78% of the members are vaccinated. Unvaccinated members continue with mandated testing. Definite uptick in positivity rate within the Department the past 6 weeks.
 - Ladder 11 has been received. Factory Authorized training was done this week. Expect Ladder 11 to be in full service by end of the week.
 - Fire Equipment Mechanic position has been approved to fill vacancy at the shop. List to be approved by Civil Service at the February meeting.
 - Continue with contract negotiations; meeting is scheduled for next week.
 - (3) Probationary Fire Inspectors will complete their classes on 1/26/2022.

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- 11. There being nothing further to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn is in order.**

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor:
I's have it.

Meeting Ended 11:27 AM

Prepared: G. Bottillo