

**MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – 11:00 AM  
Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:**

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

Engineer David Spink	Firefighter/Paramedic Kelsey Sadler
Firefighter Benjamin Polson	Captain Vidal Fortuna
Asst Chief William Steinberg	Captain William Brooks
Paramedic/Firefighter Robert Jones	Firefighter Austin Smith
Captain Julian Wilson, Jr.	Chief James Radford
Lieutenant Paul Butrim	Engineer Brian Miller
Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth Lacayo	Firefighter John McGuire

**4. Roll Call:** Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Meszoros, j. Larcheveque, G. Pettway, A/Chief Edwards, DC Buck, A/DC Cronin

**Absent:** R. Russo, C. Saunders-Maignan, W. Marshall

**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. 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.

Union President Dobbs advised the Board they will be meeting with CMERS, Labor and Benefits seeking clarification on what is pensionable at time of final payment. Request to table to March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

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

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**7. New Business:**

- i. Local 834 2022-2 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure, Article 11 and Appendix A when the city failed to hire a replacement overtime firefighter for Engine 15 on the morning of January 2, 2022.

Union President Dobbs is withdrawing Grievance 2022-02. No motion required.

- ii. Entertain a motion to remove Peter Veccharelli, Sr, retired Firefighter, deceased January 21, 2022, from the Firefighters Pension and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

- iii. Entertain a motion to remove Sharon Wentovich, deceased January 21, 2022, from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

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

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

FF Reed advised he continues with aqua therapy. He has an MRI scheduled today; based on results will determine if surgery is required.

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

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

Chief Firpi advised is recovering and continues with PT. Chief advised he has an evaluation with his physician at the end of the month.

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

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

FF Barnes advised he continues with PT 2X/week and is awaiting approval for 10 more sessions.

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

- **FI Richard Minfield – Not in Attendance**

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

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

FF McCalla advised he is cleared for light duty, however, due to COVID the City cannot put him on light duty. He has a doctor's appointment on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 Sampher Adorno – Declined Executive Session**

FF Adorno seeing a pain management doctor. He had an injection into the back, but it is not working. as an appointment with a surgeon on February 17<sup>th</sup> to determine next course of action.

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

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

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

**10. Policy and Procedure review:**

- Chief Edwards advised the Board of the following:
  - Recruitment kicked off last week.
  - The CPAT training facility is now open.

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- Awaiting word on two grants submitted (13 LUCAS devices & Tech Rescue)
- Capital operating budget submitted
- 1 FF Recruit in CFA Class #69
- Continue with contract negotiations.

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

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

Meeting Ended 11:32 AM

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