

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

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

Battalion Chief Mark Holt
Captain Steven McCann
Firefighter John McGuire

Firefighter Jesse Gerhard
Captain David Holmes
Firefighter Larry Harbin

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

Absent: J. Meszoros, A/DC Cronin

5. Minutes:

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

Commissioner Russo 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 both the Union and Labor Relations have met and agreed to table to the April Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

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

7. New Business:

- i. Entertain a motion to remove Reginal Vanagel, deceased February 17, 2022, from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

***Commissioner Marshall jointed the meeting at 11:04 AM**

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- ii. Entertain a motion to remove Victor Bardinelli, retired Lieutenant, deceased February 25, 2022, and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Russo 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 he continues with PT. Next doctor's appointment is April 11th.

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

- **FF Maurice Barnes – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck advised that FF Barnes has PT today, therefore could not be in attendance.

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

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

FF Reed advised he has a nerve test on his C spine on March 17th. Awaiting a date to meet with a surgeon for possible surgery on shoulder.

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

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

FI Minfield advised he continues with PT. Final injection is scheduled and if he does respond well surgery may be necessary. Awaiting approval from Workers Comp on the final inspection.

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

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

FF Adorno advised he met with surgeon and has a pinched nerve on his back. Follow up visit with the surgeon on March 25th, to review MRI and X-rays. Continues with PT and Chiropractic care.

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- **LT Joseph Kirkland – Declined Executive Session**

LT Kirkland advised he has 2 more PT sessions and will start aggressive PT next week. He has a meeting scheduled for April 29th with his surgeon and anticipates a RTW date the end of April.

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

- **PE Stephen Hmura – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck has advised that PE Hmura has filed his retirement papers and will retire on April 6, 2022.

No motion required.

- **FF Jose Ramos – Not in Attendance**

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

FF Torres advised surgery went well. Has PT for 3 weeks and a follow up with the surgeon on March 27th.

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

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

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

10. Policy and Procedure review:

- Chief Edwards advised the Board of the following:
 - Recruitment in full swing. 720 Applicants have applied thus far, exceeding 2019 numbers. Exams scheduled for 3/26 and 4/2.
 - Continue with Contract Negotiations.
 - New Fire Equipment Mechanic started 3/14.
 - Civil Service has been advised we need to prepare for an Assistant Chief, Captain, and Pumper Engineer Exams in the immediate future.
 - Awaiting word on two grants submitted.

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

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

Meeting Ended 11:19 AM

Prepared: G. Bottillo