

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
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FEBRUARY 2020**

**Present:** Commissioners S. Rosenberg, J. Meszoros, J. Morley, C. Saunders-Maignan, W. Marshall, Chief Thode, DC Edwards, DC Buck

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Rosenberg called to order at 6:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:**

**Moment of silence for US firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths in the past (2) months:**

Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr.	Chief Daryl Drusch
Firefighter Michael Cardinale, Sr.	Driver/Operator Roger Delongchamp
Asst Engineer Otis Isaacs, Jr.	Fire Marshal Timothy Smith
Firefighter Charles McCormick	Firefighter John Cash
Chief John A. Bresnan	Firefighter Corbin Rogers
LT David Hill	Fire Chief Manuel Galindo, Jr.
Firefighter Mark Horwich	

**Roll Call:** DC Buck read roll call

**Minutes:**

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

Commissioner Marshall moved, Commissioner Meszoros second, all in favor: I's have it.

**New Business:**

- 1) Entertain a motion to remove Jeanne Stonoha, widow of retired Pumper Engineer Joseph Stonoha deceased December 13, 2019 from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

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

- 2) Entertain a motion to remove Emily Keller, widow of retired Firefighter Cornelius Keller deceased January 13, 2020 from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

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

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- 3) Entertain a motion to remove retired Lieutenant, Kenneth J. Coon, deceased January 19, 2020 from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

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

- 4) Entertain a motion to remove retired Captain Joseph Eramo, deceased February 4, 2020 from the Firefighter's Pension List and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

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

- 5) Entertain a motion to remove Erika Matthews, widow of retired Firefighter Raymond Matthews deceased February 14, 2020 from the Widow's Pension List and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

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

- 6) Local 834 Grievance, 2019-10 to appeal the disciplinary action against Fire Inspector Autumn Waggoner.

Per Union President, Grievance has been moved to the State. No motion required.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Local 834, Grievance, 2019-6, Article 6 and Article 20 when on or about April 20, 2019 through April 24, 2019 employees were not paid proper OT rate and be made whole.

Chief Thode advised the department paid \$21,174.61 for overtime as a "Detail" assignment for the Airport. If paid as a Firewatch overtime, the cost is \$28,579.79, an approximate increase of \$8,000. Chief advised that the Assistant Chiefs were told this was a "Detail" and not a "Firewatch", however, when hiring they used the terminology of "Firewatch". In addition, Chief noted that the logbooks were noted as "Detail".

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Commissioner Meszoros moved to pay as a Firewatch. Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

2) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

a. Capt. Giovanni Sanzo

Refused Executive Session. Capt. Sanzo advised that he has a tentative surgery date of March 30, 2020. Awaiting PMA Authorization.

Commissioner Meszoros moved to table to May 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

b. FI Regina Scates

Per DC Edwards, FI Scates unable to attend per notification from her treating physician.

Commissioner Meszoros entertained a motion to move into Executive Session, Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 PM.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to come out of Executive Session; Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

Executive Session ended at 6:27 PM.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to have FI Scates go for an IME; Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

c. FF Zoltan Szabo

Refused Executive Session. FF Szabo advised he started therapy in December after surgeries in October and November for his rotator cuff and bicep. Per FF Szabo 4-6 months of therapy/recovery, currently in his 3<sup>rd</sup> month of therapy.

Commissioner Marshall moved to table to April 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Morley second; all in favor: I's have it.

d. FF Daniel Lynch

Per DC Edwards FF Lynch unable to attend due to illness.

Commissioner Marshall moved to table to the March 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

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c. FF Erique McCalla

Refused Executive Session. FF McCalla advised he is in physical therapy to help work on his balance and will be going to a pulmonary therapist to help with his breathing.

Commissioner Marshall moved to table to the May 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

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

Commissioners Meszoros moved to accept the Sick & Injury Report; Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

4) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register for January and February.

The reports were not available. Commissioner Meszoros moved to review the Payroll Register Reports at March's Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Marshall second; all in favor: I's have it.

5) Policy and Procedure review:

a. Chief Thode will address the Board on key issues

None.

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

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

**Next Meeting:                    Wednesday March 18, 6:00 PM  
    Fire Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

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