

MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MAY 19, 2021 – 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 11:07 AM

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

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

Firefighter Selinde Roosenburg
Chief Robert Costello
Firefighter Efren Medina
Chief Donald L. Jones

Firefighter/Paramedic Roger Dean, III
Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Scottini
Senior Firefighter Jeffrey Armes
Firefighter Ricardo Torres, Jr.

Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Russo, J. Larcheveque, J. Meszoros*, DC Edwards, DC Buck. Meeting on hold at 11:09 AM waiting for a quorum.

**Commissioner Meszoros entered the meeting at 11:11 AM*

Meeting resumed with a full quorum at 11:11 AM.

Absent: W. Marshall, C. Saunders-Maignan

4. **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.

5. **Old Business:**

- i. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-1 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure and Civil Service Provisions of the Charter when the City failed to promote in a timely fashion and the members impacted be made whole (wages and seniority date to be retroactive to the date they should have been promoted).

Local 834 advised they have reached a settlement with Labor Relations and withdrawing Grievance 2021-1 and 2021-2.

Commissioner Meszoros moved to withdraw Grievance 2021-1 and 2021-2, Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- ii. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-3 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance and Article 13 Injury Leave for LT Prior where PMA denied coverage and made whole.

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6. New Business:

- i. Entertain a motion to remove Felipe Rosa, retired Firefighter, deceased May 10, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

- ii. Entertain a motion to add to grant Karen Rosa, Widow of deceased Firefighter Felipe Rosa a Widow's Pension effective May 11, 2021 and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation to the Agenda.

Commissioner Larcheveque moved to add item ii to the Agenda; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- iii. Entertain a motion to grant Karen Rosa, Widow of deceased Firefighter Felipe Rosa a Widow's Pension effective May 11, 2021 and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

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

• LT John McMahon – Declined Executive Session

LT McMahon advised PMA approved his work capability test which he had performed on May 17th. Meeting with his doctor on May 27th to review the findings.

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

• FF Eriq McCalla - Not In Attendance

DC Edwards advised the Board that FF McCalla usually has PT appointment scheduled for 10:30 am and is current with his documentation.

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- **FF Angel Cintron – Declined Executive Session**

FF Cintron advised he is improving, continuing with PT. His doctor is requesting 10 additional PT sessions for strengthening and stretching. Next doctor's appointment is in 6 weeks and should have a RTW date at that time.

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

- **FF Ryan Sullivan – Declined Executive Session**

Firefighter Sullivan advised he has achieved full extension of his knee. Continue with PT to assist with going downhill and stairs. Anticipates that he should have a RTW date of either end of June or beginning of July.

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

- **FF Aldaberto Planas, Jr. – Declined Executive Session**

FF Planas advised he met with his doctor 2 days ago, discussed his levels of strength and bearings, and he doesn't feel strong enough from the shoulder injury yet. Continue with PT and will meet with doctor in a couple of weeks to see if there is more improvement.

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

- **FF Craig Morgan – Declined Executive Session**

Firefighter Morgan advised he has an appointment scheduled for 6/6 for a measurement of his leg to prepare for the surgery scheduled for 6/15.is scheduled for surgery on June 16th.

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- **FF Ronald Reed – Not in Attendance**

DC Edwards advised Board that FF Reed is current with documentation.

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

- **FI Victor Craft – Declined Executive Session**

FI Craft advised he had the surgery and PT is going well. Anticipating a RTW date within the next 2 weeks.

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

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

Commissioner Meszoros moved to accept the Report of Sick and Injury; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

9. Policy and Procedure review:

- LODD for New Haven Firefighter Ricardo Torres, Jr.
- 2/3 of the department are vaccinated
- 2 new Pumpers will arrive shortly.

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

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