

MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 – 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:

Deputy Chief Tommy Hopson	Chief Emeritus James Krouse
Firefighter Joshua Schwindt	Division Chief Mark Covil
Firefighter/EMT William Stalls	Engineer Malcolm Arrington
Firefighter Timothy Watson	District Chief Marshal Hilley
LT Willie Bunch	Firefighter/Paramedic John Gaddy
Firefighter/EMT Dylan Rodiek	Battalion Chief James Guiler
LT Mario J. Moya	Driver/Engineer David Leos
Firefighter/Squad Boss Frumencio Carapia	Firefighter James Heater
Firefighter Judy Spencer	Fire Police Captain Laron Holcomb
Lieutenant/Paramedic Cody Traber	Chief Randall Burnham
Lieutenant Donald Trout	

4. Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Russo, J. Meszoros, J. Larcheveque, A/Fire Chief Edwards, DC Buck, A/DC Cronin

Absent: W. Marshall, C. Saunders-Maignan, G. Pettway

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. None

7. New Business:

i. Entertain a motion to remove John Florian, retired Firefighter, deceased August 21, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

- ii. Entertain a motion to grant Ruth Chadwick, Widow of retired Firefighter John Florian, a Widow's Disability Pension effective August 22, 2021 and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

Entertain a motion to add Item iii - Remove retired Lieutenant Donald Guzowski, deceased September 1, 2021 from the Firefighters Disability Pension to the Agenda.

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

- iii. Entertain a motion to remove Donald Guzowski, retired Lieutenant, deceased September 1, 2021 from the Firefighters Disability Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

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

- **LT Timothy Shepard - Declined Executive Session**

Lt Shepard advised he completed his Physical Rehab. Needs to have a stress test performed and based on those results will determine a possible RTW date.

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

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

DC Buck informed the Board this is a detailed situation and doesn't believe it would be appropriate to discuss without giving him an opportunity to go into Executive Session. DC Buck advised there has been a status change and if we wish to discuss further, we would be required to go into Executive Session. DC Buck advised FF Reed has been out on an injury leave since September 24, 2020; status change took place this July. Board would like FF Reed to be ordered to attend next month's meeting.

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- **FF Ryan Sullivan – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck advised the Board that FF Sullivan has been forthcoming with documentation and attending meetings as requested.

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

- **FF Darren Carroll – Declined Executive Session**

FF Carroll advised he is making good progress; still working on strengthening. Having problems in supporting weight on his left arm. Meeting with his doctor on Tuesday, 9/21 for an evaluation.

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

- **FF Harold Clarke – Declined Executive Session**

FF Clarke has advised he has sprained ACL, going to PT 2x a week working on strengthening the knee. Next doctor's appointment is scheduled for 9/22.

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

**** COMMISSIONER SAUNDERS-MAIGNAN JOINED THE MEETING @ 11:15 AM****

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

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

10. Policy and Procedure review:

- Acting Chief Edwards will address the Board on key issues.
 - Passing of Pumper Engineer Stephen Buda

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- (3) Fire Inspectors started classes. List was certified by Civil Service on 9/14/2021.
- 5 Recruits in the CFA. Hiring List expired end of August 2021.
- Current hiring list for Firefighters expires 8/19/2021; will start to prepare for recruiting end of 2021.
- Recruit driver to start in early 2022; anticipate an Exam in the Spring with hiring a class for August of 2022.
- Contract negotiations ongoing with Local 834.
- Fire Officer 1 & 2 Started; Program funded through a FEMA Grant.
- Applied for grants for Tech Rescue & Bailout Kits, awaiting confirmation
- Civil Service aware we need a Fire Equipment Mechanic Exam
- Replacement for PE Buda has been received from Civil Service

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

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

Meeting Ended 11:19 AM

Prepared: G. Bottillo