MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 17, 2021 – 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:

Firefighter/EMT Michael Pickering

Engine Boss Layla Bradley

Firefighter Gregory Bauer

Firefighter/EMT Kenneth Lemanski, Jr.

Driver/Engineer Giovanni Ciancio

Assistant Chief Lucas Stephenson

Firefighter Larry Wyant

Captain Merrill Bone

Fire Chief Danny Deyo

Lieutenant Malachi Brown

Captain Darcy Stallings

Safety Officer Nicholas Prioli

4. Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Russo, J. Meszoros, J. Larcheveque, G. Pettway, DC Buck, A/DC Cronin

Engineer Michael Freeland

Absent: A/Fire Chief Edwards, W. Marshall, C. Saunders-Maignan

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 Grievance, 2021-7 Article 6, Article 9, Article 12 and Article 15 when the City took any personal shifts (PL) in excess of the 2 personal shifts with pay option from the employees' bank of paid time off. Employees who are unable to use the 2 shifts should be allowed to carry them into the following year consistent with the language of Article 12, Section 7. Local 834 is seeking that this practice stop and all members who were negatively impacted be made whole.

President Dobbs advised the Union has withdrawn the Grievance. No motion required.

7. New Business:

i. Entertain a motion to remove JoAnne Quinn, deceased October 25, 2021 from the Widow's Pension list and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

ii. Entertain a motion to remove Isabel S. Eramo, deceased September 30, 2021 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.

iii. Entertain a motion to remove Elizabeth Imre, deceased November 1, 2021 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.

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

• LT Timothy Shepard - Declined Executive Session

Lt Shepard advised he passed stress test and anticipates a RTW in early December. No motion required.

• FF Enrique McCalla – Declined Executive Session

FF McCalla advised he has a RTW date for Light Duty on 1/3/2022. No motion required.

• FF Darren Carroll - Not in Attendance

DC Buck advised FF Carroll had PT and could not attend. FF Carroll is keeping Administration up to date on his progress.

Entertain a motion to order FF Carroll to the December Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

• FF Harold Clarke - Declined Executive Session

FF Clarke advised he has concluded his PT and should be ready to RTW within the week. Will forward the necessary paperwork to DC Buck tomorrow afternoon. No motion required.

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• FF Maurice Barnes - Declined Executive Session

FF Barnes advised is 2 months post op from surgery. He is currently in a walking boot and continues with PT 2x a week.

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

• FF Tony Hooks – Not in Attendance

DC Buck advised FF Hooks is back to full duty. No motion required.

• LT Joel Christy - Not in Attendance

Lt Christy advised DC Buck he would not attend the meeting; but expects a RTW date soon. The Administration has not received paperwork from Lt Christy yet.

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

• FF Patrick Burlison - Declined Executive Session

FF Burlison advised he had surgery on 8/27/2021 for his rotator cuff and torn bicep. Continues with PT 3X a week. Next doctor appointment is 12/12/2021.

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

• AC Manny Firpi – Not in Attendance

Per DC Buck, AC Firpi continues with PT and has been keeping the Administration updated on his progress.

Entertain a motion to table to December 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 Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

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10. Policy and Procedure review:

- DC Buck addressed the Board on key issues.
 - o DC Edwards is doing final inspection on the new Ladder 11.
 - o Re-Submitting Grant application for Lucas Device
 - o 4 Recruits at the CFA; will start a Recruitment Drive in 2022.
 - o 78% of the department is vaccinated. Members are encouraged to get the booster shot; unvaccinated members are complying with weekly testing.

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 11:22 AM Prepared: G. Bottillo