

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

Fire Commission Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416 ■ San Francisco ■ California ■ 94102

AGENDA

Item No.

1. ROLL CALL

President	Stephen A. Nakajo
Vice President	Francee Covington
Commissioner	Michael Hardeman
Commissioner	Ken Cleaveland
Commissioner	Joe Alioto Veronese
Chief of Department	Jeanine Nicholson

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction and does not appear on the agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Commission as a whole and not to individual Commissioners or Department personnel. Commissioners are not to enter into debate or discussion with a speaker. The lack of a response by the Commissioners or Department personnel does not necessarily constitute agreement with or support of statements made during public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES *[Discussion and possible action]*

Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on May 22, 2019

4. UPDATE FROM THE DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

Assistant Deputy Chief Anthony Rivera to provide an update on the Division of Support Services.

5. OVERVIEW OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET *[Discussion]*

Update and overview from Director Mark Corso on the current budget.

6. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT *[Discussion]*

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, JEANINE NICHOLSON

Report on current issues, activities and events within the Department since the Fire Commission meeting on May 22, 2019, including budget, academies, special events, communications and outreach to other government agencies and the public and update on Department Drone Program.

REPORT FROM OPERATIONS, DEPUTY CHIEF VICTOR WYRSCH

Report on overall field operations, including greater alarm fires, Emergency Medical Services, Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation, and Airport Division.

7. COMMISSION REPORT *[Discussion]*

Report on Commission activities since last meeting on May 22, 2019.

8. AGENDA FOR NEXT AND FUTURE FIRE COMMISSION MEETINGS

[Discussion]

Discussion regarding agenda for next and future Fire Commission meetings.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Email from Dalf Jackson

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 11

Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 11 below, including public comment on whether to hold Item 11(b) (c) and (d) in closed session.

11. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. VOTE ON WHETHER TO CONDUCT ITEMS 11(b) (c) and (d) IN CLOSED SESSION *[Action]*

The Commission may hear Item 11(b) (c) and (d) in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

b. CASE NO. 2018-01: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION APPEAL, FOR VIOLATIONS AS FOLLOWS: *[Discussion and possible action]*

The appeal is from a three-calendar day suspension for violation of the Rules and Regulations as follows:

- Section 3901 - Unauthorized Use of Department Name
- Section 3902 - Unauthorized Use of Uniform
- Section 3905 - Familiarity with the Rules
- Section 3914- Unauthorized Visit to Places of Amusement
- Section 3923 -Acts Detrimental to the Welfare of the Department

At the Commission's meeting on December 12, 2018, the Commission deliberated and decided member's appeal of a 3-day suspension imposed by the Chief of Department and by a unanimous vote the Commission the Commission denied members appeal and upheld the Chief's 3-day suspension. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

c. CASE NO. 2018-04: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION APPEAL, FOR VIOLATIONS AS FOLLOWS: *[Discussion and possible action]*

The appeal is from a ten-calendar day suspension for violation of the Rules and Regulations as follows:

- Section 3909 – False Reports
- Section 3921 – Inattention to Duty
- Section 3929 – First Alarm Areas
- Section 3941 – Use of Department Vehicles

At the Commission meeting on January 9, 2019, the Commission deliberated and decided member's appeal of a 10-day suspension imposed by the Chief of Department and by a vote of 3-2 (Ayes: Cleveland, Nakajo, Hardeman, Nays: Covington, Alioto-Veronese), the Commission upheld the charged rule violations and reduced the penalty from a 10-day suspension to a 4-day

suspension. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

d. CASE NO. 2018-05: COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS ON PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING COMMISSION'S DECISION ON EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION APPEAL, FOR VIOLATIONS AS FOLLOWS: *[Discussion and possible action]*

The appeal is from a ten-calendar day suspension for violation of the Rules and Regulations as follows:

- Section 2808 – Welfare of Subordinates
- Section 3909 – False Reports
- Section 3921 – Inattention to Duty
- Section 3941 – Use of Department Vehicles

At the Commission meeting on January 9, 2019, the Commission deliberated and decided member's appeal of a 10-day suspension imposed by the Chief of Department and by a vote of 3-2 (Ayes: Cleaveland, Nakajo, Hardeman, Nays: Covington, Alioto-Veronese), the Commission upheld the charged rule violations and reduced the penalty from a 10-day suspension to a 4-day suspension. The Commission is now considering proposed Findings of Fact in relation to that decision.

e. IF CLOSED SESSION HELD, RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

i. REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION as specified in California Government Code Section 54957.1(a) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.12(b).

ii. VOTE TO ELECT WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION, as specified in San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a). *[Action]*

12. ADJOURNMENT

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commission Meeting Schedule and Location

The Fire Commission will meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. The second Wednesday in Room 416 at 9:00 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday in Room 400 at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Office

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