

**CITY OF NASHUA  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Burgess  
Don Davidson  
Paul Garant  
Ken Marquis  
Anthony Patti

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

N/A

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Brian D. Rhodes  
Assistant Chief George A. Walker

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alderman Tencza  
Alderman Dowd  
Deputy Fire Chief Steve Buxton  
President of Local #789 - John McAllister  
Members of Nashua Fire Rescue

**THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 5:31 PM**

Badge Presentation to off probation member by Chief Rhodes

All stood as Fire Commissioner Don Davidson lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for all recent deaths and all those lost, and for those in Australia who are suffering from wildland fires.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

<b>Elections</b>	<b>20 01</b>
<b>Motion</b> by Commissioner Garant to open the floor for nominations	<b>20 01A</b>
<b>Motion</b> by Commissioner Burgess to nominate Commissioner Davidson as Chair Vote: passed 5-yes	<b>20.01B</b>
<b>Motion</b> by Commissioner Marquis to nominate Commissioner Burgess as Vice Chair Vote: passed 5-yes	<b>20 01C</b>
<b>Motion</b> by Commissioner Marquis to nominate Commissioner Patti as Clerk Vote: passed 5-yes	<b>20 01D</b>

**Mission Statement**

**20 02**

**Motion** by Commissioner Marquis to accept the Mission Statement of the Commission of NFR as presented  
Seconded by Commissioner Davidson  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No discussion*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to approve as presented and place on file the Consent Agenda  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**Approval of Minutes**

**December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**20 03**

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to approve as presented the meeting minutes and place on file  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**Communications: N/A**

**Departmental Detail Expenditures Report**

**20 04**

*No discussion*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Staff Reports**

**A. Chief Rhodes**

**20 05 A**

**Motion** by Commissioner Marquis to accept Chief Rhodes' report as presented and place on file  
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**B. Assistant Chief Walker**

**20 05 B**

**Motion** by Commissioner Davidson to accept Assistant Chief Walker's report as presented and place on file  
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**Discussions**

**Local 789**

**20 06**

President McAllister spoke on behalf of several members present and all members. They are in support of the executive board and negotiating team. Negotiations have been ongoing since March 2019 and have gone to impasse and medication. They have decided to go to fact finding. They are asking for support from the board and administration to push something forward and get something to the alderman in order for them to vote. The ability to do this is available before fact finding comes out, if that is an option. They are willing to take that option but are in the process of putting together a fact finding report that they believe will come out in favor of the members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nashua Sculpture Symposium - presentation**

**20 07**

Grace Finlay and Dotty Silber from the site committee presented their request for the opportunity to place a sculpture at the Lake Street Fire Station.

**Motion** by Commissioner Davidson to proceed with placing a sculpture at the Lake Street Fire Station and leave the organization and planning up to the administration's discretion

Seconded by Commissioner Marquis

Vote: passed 5-yes

Alderman Tencza mentioned that he is replacing a great advocate for the fire department in Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja. He mentioned that everyone recognizing NFR is a well-run, excellent department. As a liaison he hopes to do whatever he can to help support the department.

Alderman Dowd expressed his continued support for the department and appreciates the great job the department does for the City of Nashua. He's hopeful that it can be a smooth process going through for the contract.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**Personnel Item**

**20 08 A**

**Motion** by Commissioner Burgess to accept and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Patti

Vote: passed 5-yes

**Personnel Item**

**20 08 B**

**Motion** by Commissioner Marquis to accept and place on file with regrets

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 5-yes

Commissioner Davidson commended Commissioner Garant for his superior service to the board and thanked him.

**ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Introduced at Meeting**

**Motion** by Commissioner Burgess to promote Private David Robert to Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm **20 09**  
Seconded by Commissioner Davidson  
Vote: passed 5-yes

Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm David Robert was sworn in by Chief Rhodes

Commissioner Garant spoke about his sixteen years of service on the board and thanked the members of the department, the board and the administration.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** **20 10**

**Motion** by Commissioner Marquis to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM  
Vote: passed 5-yes

**TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, February 3, 2020, 5:30 pm  
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

**Dates and Locations of Other Events/Meetings:**