

**CITY OF NASHUA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021**

THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 17:33 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Burgess (Remotely Via Phone due to COVID precautions)
Paul Garant (Remotely Via Phone due to transportation)
Gary Lambert
Anthony Patti

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ken Marquis

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Brian D. Rhodes
Assistant Chief Steve M. Buxton

STAFF NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alderman David Tencza (Remotely Via Phone)
Local 789 President Thomas Wholey (Remotely Via Phone)
Local 789 Vice President Michael O'Brien
Lt. Michael Curran
Captain William Atkinson
Captain Glenn Nielsen
Inspector/Investigator David Perault
Various Members of Local 789
Captain William Atkinson's spouse

All stood as Commissioner Lambert lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for Retired Deputy Chassé, all recent deaths, all those lost and all of the men and women in the service.

21 01 OUT OF ORDER – Promotional Actions – Promotion of Deputy Fire Chief

Motion by Commissioner Garant to approve the promotion of Captain William Atkinson to Deputy Fire Chief

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 02 OUT OF ORDER – Promotional Actions – Promotion of Captain

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to approve the promotion of Lieutenant Michael Curran to Captain
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 03 OUT OF ORDER – Promotional Actions – Promotion of Lieutenant

Motion by Commissioner Patti to approve the promotion of Private Michael O’Brien, Jr. to Lieutenant
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

21 04 Elections

21 04 A Motion by Commissioner Lambert to open the floor for nominations
Seconded by Commissioner Patti
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 04 B, C, D Motion by Commissioner Garant to have the current officers (Commissioner Burgess as Chair, Commissioner Garant as Vice Chair, Commissioner Patti as Clerk) continue for an additional year
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 05 Mission Statement

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept as presented the Mission Statement of the Commission of NFR and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Patti
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

20 124 2021 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept as presented the revised 2021 Meeting Schedule and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

21 06

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept as presented the meeting minutes and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

Communication(s):

N/A

Departmental Detail Expenditures Report

21 07

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept as presented the Departmental Detail Expenditures Report and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff Reports

A. Chief Rhodes

21 08 A

Motion by Commissioner Patti to accept Chief Rhodes' report as presented and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

B. Assistant Chief Buxton

21 08 B

Motion by Commissioner Patti to accept Assistant Chief Buxton's report as presented and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

Discussions

Local 789

21 09

President Wholey, via Zoom, was thankful that the contract has been approved and expressed his appreciation for all the hard work and support from the Fire Commission and the Administration. Currently Local 789 is working collaboratively with Administration trying to get things done and move the organization forward.

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept and place on file discussion item 21 09
Seconded by Commissioner Patti
Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

21 10 Training/Safety – Target Solutions

Chief Rhodes and Captain Nielsen both spoke in regards to the Target Solutions platform and all the benefits it would provide for the Training/Safety Division and all of NFR.

Motion by Commissioner Patti to proceed with purchase of software not to exceed \$20,000

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 11 Training/Safety - Patch

Captain Nielsen explained the meaning behind the newly designed Training/Safety Patch and requested approval to use the patch on uniforms, letterhead and in the Training/Safety Division.

Motion by Commissioner Garant to approve Training/Safety Patch

Seconded by Commissioner Patti

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

21 12 Fire Marshal – Ring Neighbors

Ring Neighbors Application

Chief Rhodes and Inspector/Investigator David Perault both spoke in regards to the Ring Neighbors Application and all the benefits it would provide for the Fire Marshal Division and NFR.

Motion by Commissioner Patti to proceed with the Ring Neighbors Application

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

REMARKS

N/A

REMARKS BY FIRE COMMISSION

Commissioner Garant expressed his feeling on what a wonderful person Retired Deputy Chassé was and that Retired Deputy Chassé,'s “war” stories were some of the best.

Commissioner Garant expressed his disgust and anger that he feels relative to what otherwise peaceful people are doing in the City of Washington. It is despicable, it's uncalled for and it is truly unpatriotic. It is not the way this country is meant to operate.

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Commissioner Burgess wanted to extended condolences on behalf of the Commission to the family of Retired Deputy Chassé.

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Item

21 13 A

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file with the understanding that it will probably be the subject of a further discussion

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

Personnel Item

21 13 B

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept with regrets and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Garant to adjourn the meeting at 18:35 PM

21 14

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 17:30 pm
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

Date and Location of other Events

Promotional Swearing in:

01/02/2021	Deputy William Atkinson	70 East Hollis Street	11:00
01/17/2021	Captain Michael Curran	124 Spitbrook Road	08:00
01/21/2021	Lt. Michael O'Brien, Jr.	101 Pine Hill Road	08:00

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