

**CITY OF NASHUA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 17:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Garant
Gary Lambert
John Steere

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Burgess
Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Steve M. Buxton
Acting Assistant Chief William B. Atkinson

STAFF NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Duffy
Laurie Ortolano
Members of Local 789

All stood as Chief Buxton lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for all those lost in the fire service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting

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Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept as presented the meeting minutes and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Steere

Vote: passed 3-yes

Communication(s):

Thank You(s) (4)

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Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept as presented the Thank You(s) and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

Departmental Detail Expenditures Report

22 41

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept as presented the Departmental Detail Expenditures Report and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff Reports

A. Chief Buxton

22 42 A

Chief Buxton discussed the following:

-) Request action to be taken on 2022 hiring list
-) Request action to be taken on promotional list
-) Request action to be taken on lieutenant promotion for 04/10/2022
-) Had initial meeting with Mayor Donchess
-) Ladder 2
-) Thanked all for attending his Swearing-In Ceremony on March 1, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept Chief Buxton's February report as presented and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

B. Acting Assistant Chief Atkinson

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Acting Assistant Chief Atkinson discussed the following:

-) No written report at this time
-) Spending time with the Division Heads
-) Getting a state of the state with respect to each of the Division Heads
-) Having conversations with Chief Buxton in terms of the direction to take department

Discussions

Local 789

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) N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for action: Personnel New Hires

22 44

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept the list of nine new hires and authorize the hiring scheduled on May 2, 2022
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

Promotional List

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Promotional List from interviews on February 26, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept and authorize the Promotional List
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

Authorization for action: Personnel Lieutenant Promotion

22 46

Motion by Commissioner Steere to authorize the promotion of Pvt. William Shea to Lieutenant effective Sunday, 04/10/2022
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 3-yes

REMARKS

N/A

REMARKS BY FIRE COMMISSION

Commissioner Steere

-) Toured Fire Alarm
 - o Grateful for the opportunity
 - o Recognized Superintendent Jeremy Audette, Dispatch Supervisor Kyle Ball, Dispatcher Jeff Labrie and Dispatcher Chris Carter

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

-) Laurie Ortolano (41 Berkeley Street) discussed the following:
 - o Congratulated all the new promotions in the department
 - o Barrier Issue
 - Wants any written communication given to the city on the barrier issue
 - There is a meeting Thursday, 03/09/2022, at City Hall regarding the barriers.

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- Chief Buxton informed her there was no written documentation.
-) Bob Duffy (7 Brick Manor Drive) discussed the following:
- Complimented NFR for having the policy of not using the sirens as much as in other cities
 - Thanked the department and the chief for their work.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Item

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Motion by Commissioner Steere to accept and place on file the sick/vacation report
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 3-yes

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 5:46PM
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 3-yes

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TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Regular Scheduled Board of Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 17:30 pm
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

Date and Location of other Events

Promotional Swearing-In
Assistant Chief William B. Atkinson
Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10:00 am
at 70 East Hollis Street