

**Board of Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 21, 2022
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Fire Department Headquarters**

Meeting called by:	Chairman Lopez	Note taker: D. Glenn	
Type of meeting:	Regular Monthly	Timekeeper: D. Glenn	
Facilitator:	Chief Przekopowski		APPROVED
Attendees:	Nelson Lopez, Jeffrey Trask, George Mettey		
Absent::			
Staff in Attendance:	Chief Jeffrey Przekopowski and Dale Glenn		

Also: 1st Deputy Chief John Kadlewicz, William Alicea, Mark Fortin, Kevin McDonnell, Edwin Rodriguez and Joseph O'Connor

A. Opening of Meeting	Chairman Lopez	*Time: 5:00 p.m.
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Discussion: #1 on the agenda Commissioner Trask opened the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners with a verbal roll call of those present along with a prayer by Commissioner Mettey.

2 agenda item – Minutes: the Board of Fire Commissioners reviewed the minutes from their March 17, 2022 meeting

#3 agenda item - Fire Chief's Report:

- Injured on Duty/Light Duty
- Personal Sick Leave/Recent Retirement/Impending Retirement
- Overtime expenditures

#4 Old Business – Fire Chief Przekopowski updated the Board on the following:

- ARPA Projects to begin – Station 3 and Station 6 to have new doors and windows. Station 6 to have a new generator plus heating/air conditioning system.
- Commissioner Lopez asked about the CARES Act Retention pay for the employees. Fire Chief Przekopowski stated that this has been split into 2 payments and the 1st went out in March.
- Succession Planning - Fire Chief Przekopowski informed the Board of Fire Commissioners that once incoming Fire Chief John Kadlewicz moves into the Fire Chief position the 1st Deputy Fire Chief position will be left unoccupied. As per the collective bargaining agreement with the Deputy Fire Chief's Association the most senior Deputy Fire Chief is the person to assume the opening. Fire Chief Przekopowski has spoken to Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Shea as he will become the most senior. Deputy Fire Chief Shea has declined the position and indicated this in an email. Next in line is Deputy Fire Chief Mark Fortin whom has indicated he is willing to accept this position.
- Portrait of Fire Chief John T. Lynch – the Library is packaging up the portrait and will be ready for pick up the week of May 9th.

#5 New Business – Brought before the Board

- Request to change the badge for the 1st Deputy Fire Chief
- Request an Open Competitive Firefighter list for (6) candidates
- Request a Fire Alarm Operators List for (2) candidates

#6 Executive Session – none

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Motions

Motions: Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to accept the minutes from March 21, 2022, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to accept the Fire Chief's report, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Mark Fortin to the position of 1st Deputy Fire Chief once it is vacated by incoming Fire Chief John Kadlewicz, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to change the badge of the 1st Deputy Fire Chief to include an additional bugle, Commissioner Trask made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Mettey; motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to request a Open Competitive Firefighter list from Civil Service for (6) candidates, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to request a Fire Alarm Operator list from Civil Service for (2) candidates, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried.

Commissioner Lopez entertained a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Mettey made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.