

**CITY OF NASHUA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022**

THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 4:16 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Burgess
Paul Garant
Gary Lambert
Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
John Steere

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Steve M. Buxton

STAFF NOT PRESENT:

Assistant Chief William B. Atkinson (On Vacation)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy Fire Chief James Kirk
Deputy Fire Chief Mark Wholey
President of Local 789 Thomas Wholey
Members of Local 789

All stood as Commissioner Lambert lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**22 80 Request “Out of Order” into Non-Public for Dispatch Supervisor Promotion
Discussion – candidate Charles Brisk**

Motion by Commissioner Garant to go out of order to take Item 22-80, into Non-Public
Seconded by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja
Vote: passed 5-yes

Motion by Commissioner Garant, to enter into a Non-Public session, by roll call, for the purpose of a promotion interview for candidate Charles Brisk for Dispatch Supervisor.

Commissioner Melizza Golja referenced NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public hearing, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Seconded by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja

BY ROLL CALL

Commissioner Burgess YES
Commissioner Garant YES
Commissioner Lambert YES
Commissioner Steere YES
Commissioner Melizzi-Golja YES
Vote: passed

Commissioner Melizzi-Golja stated Non-Public session started at 4:20 PM.

Motion by Commissioner Lanbert that the Board comes out of Non-Public session, by roll call, at 4:39 PM.

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

BY ROLL CALL

Commissioner Burgess YES
Commissioner Garant YES
Commissioner Lambert YES
Commissioner Steere YES
Commissioner Melizzi-Golja YES
Vote: passed

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

22 81 Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 5-yes

Communication(s):

22 82 From: Local 789
Re: Local 789/Collaborative Letter

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept, as presented, the communication and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 5-yes

22 83 Departmental Detail Expenditures Report

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept, as presented, the Departmental Detail Expenditures Report and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 5-yes

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff Reports

22 84 A Chief Buxton

Chief Buxton discussed the following:

-) Working with CFO to get a Supplemental Budget for FY22
-) The city is working with a consultant to release some of the ARPA funds
 - o Fire Station Alerting System
 - o Reinforce infrastructure project
 - o Traffic Preemption System
-) Recruit School
-) Engine 3 & 5
-) Sculpture Symposium

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept Chief Buxton's May report, as presented, and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 84 B Assistant Chief Atkinson

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept Assistant Chief Atkinson's May report, and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

Discussions

22 85 Local 789

President Thomas Wholey discussed the following:

-) Preparing for grievances
 - o Arbitrations
 - o Workmans Comp
 - o Day Light Saving Time
 - o Inequitable distribution of overtime
-) Safety Committee
-) Open Enrollment/Benefits
-) Operation Warm
-) Summer Break for Regulatory Meetings

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept Item 22 85, as presented, and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

22 86 Authorization for action: Personnel – effective 06/05/2022
Dispatcher promotion to Dispatch Supervisor

Motion by Commissioner Garant to authorize the promotion of Dispatcher Brisk to the position of
Dispatch Supervisor effective 06/05/2022
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 87 Station Patch Request for Station 5

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to accept the art for the Station 5 Patch as presented in Item
22 87
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

REMARKS

N/A

REMARKS BY FIRE COMMISSION

Commissioner Garant

-) Stated the Chair should be called last in roll call.
 - o The Chair is a tie-breaker.

Commissioner Burgess

-) Possible cancelation of August BOFC Meeting

Commissioner Steere

-) Thanked Captain Nielsen and Lieutenant Dodge for allowing him to watch the recruit class in action

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

PERSONNEL ITEMS

22 88 Personnel Item A-Sick/Vacation

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file Item 22 88 A, the sick/vacation report
Seconded by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 88 Personnel Item B-Retirement

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file, with regrets, Firefighter Cory Farrar's
letter of retirement
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 88 Personnel Item D Communication –Retirement

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept a communication regarding a retirement that was received
after the agenda was prepared
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 5-yes

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file, with regrets, Lt. Erik Kolden's
letter of retirement
Seconded by Commissioner Steere
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 88 Personnel Item C-Grievance

Chairman Burgess stated what the grievance was and that the board received the responses from Deputy Kirk
and
Chief Buxton.
President of Local 789 Lt. Wholey discussed the time off regarding this grievance.

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to deny the grievance of Item 22 88 C,
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 5-yes

22 74 Personnel Item C-Grievance

Chairman Burgess stated he received communication from Local 789 counsel regarding the Lt. Martineau
grievance decision in the Non-Public session of the last meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Garant to retract the previous decision relative to the grievance in Item 22 74 C
and re-hear the matter this evening in open session
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert
Vote: passed 5-yes

Local 789 President Wholey discussed the grievance.
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Motion by Commissioner Lambert to deny the grievance of Item 22 74 C,
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 5-yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN

22 89 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 06:07 PM
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 5-yes

TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Regular Scheduled Board of Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 5:30 pm
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

Date and Location of other Events

Lieutenant Interviews
Saturday, June 11, 2022 08:00 am
at 177 Lake Street

Dispatch Supervisor Swearing In
Recruit School Pinning
Sunday, June 12, 2022 10:00 am
at 70 East Hollis Street

Captain/DFC Interviews
Monday, June 13, 2022 09:00 am
at 177 Lake Street

Dispatch Supervisor Interview
Wednesday, July 6, 2022, time before regular meeting TBD