

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

February 12, 2019

Minutes of February 12, 2019 Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission. The meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 08:31 hours in Station 1 Conference Room with Commissioners Perkinson, Sheehey, McLaughlin, Sweeney, and Bond. Also present was Chief Locke and Administrative Assistant Sweeney.

Presentation of Commissions

Presentation of Commissions to Lieutenant Robert Slater and Captain Michael Curtin. Other members from shift were present for the presentations.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time was set for 09:00 by motion of Commissioner Bond and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.

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Commissioner Perkinson asked if there were any edits or changes to the December minutes. No changes were made and minutes were accepted.

Chief's Oral Report

Chief Locke updated via email prior to the meeting:

- Completed process for the Board of Finance and City Council to consider raising the rates for our ambulance services. The issue will be considered at the BoF meeting on 2/11/19.
- Participated in the, "Change the Story" breakfast at the Davis Center. This was a great presentation about what men can do to lead change in our society.
- Met with city staff about adding a new multi-function printer/scanner for the upstairs at Central. This new machine would replace the small printers in my office, DC Collette's office and the Battalions Office. The new machine will be similar to the one in the administrative office.
- Attended the district paramedic committee meeting with DC Plante and LT Ferris. Robust discussion about paramedic intercepts.
- Interviewed four more potential candidates. The final three will be interviewed this week and conditional offers will be made by 2/15/19.
- Worked with DC Collette and SFF Petit on updating response data for our ambulances.
- FYI – the CBA with the BFFA is scheduled to be considered by City Council on 2/11/19.

Updated during the meeting:

- The increased fee for ambulance services was passed by the Board of Finance.
- The Union contract was approved. This will lead to a ballot vote in March 2020 to add 9 firefighters to the department to staff and ambulance in the New North End.

Commissioner McLaughlin asked what the portion from taxes paid by businesses and other residents is for the Fire Department. It's not broken out as we are a part of the general fund and a portion of the taxes is to fund that overall budget.

Commissioner Perkinson asked how the "Change the Story" breakfast went. Chief Locke found it very informative and helpful. It brought to light unconscious biases and helped focus on how he can help make changes in the Department to make it move towards a more diverse environment.

Old Business/New Business

- Commissioner Perkinson followed up on the Award Ceremony. Biggest challenge is finding sponsors to help fund the event. Will work with new Union President on planning.

- Commissioners Sheehey and Sweeney are up for reappointment this year. Both intend to reapply.

Open Session

Nothing at this time.

Adjourn

With nothing further the meeting adjourned by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey at 08:55.