

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
10 MARCH 2022

Present: Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon
Commissioner James Robinson

Absent: Commissioner Vikki Simmons

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Secretary Sarah Senior

Also Absent: Treasurer Matilde Abate

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 10 March 2022, convened at 18:32 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Commissioner John Malone, Chair Pro-tem.

R22-03-01

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the meeting shall be called to order:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

Chair Pro-tem Malone called the roll: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, present, Commissioner Simmons absent.

Commissioner Robinson administered the Oath of Office of Firefighter to Jeffrey Jones.*
Commissioner Walthall-Moon administered the Oath of Office of Firefighter to Danny Vargas.*
Commissioner Yizar administration the Oath of Office of Firefighter to Andrew Martirano.*

R22-03-02

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the minutes of the regular meeting of 10 February 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-03

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the special meeting of 22 February 2022 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

It may be necessary to form an exploratory committee on purchasing a new Ladder truck, current build times at 18-24 months. A potential committee could include Commissioners Malone and Yizar, Chief Reiss, Captains J. Malone and Lester, and Firefighters Batchie and LoGiudice.

*Probationary firefighters Jones, Vargas, and Martirano were previously sworn in for their first day of employment on 03/08/22.



House & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Walthall-Moon provided paint swatches, carpet samples, and new chair options for the ongoing Headquarters Board room project.

An exploratory committee for an extension on the Headquarters Apparatus Bay may be necessary. The current apparatus bay will not accommodate a new ladder truck, and an expansion could allow for building on top for a potential second-floor extension. The Committee should meet with an architect to discuss the specifics.

There are discussions to renovate the HQ basement to enhance the gym, locker room, and bathrooms while maintaining a meeting space.

Chief's Report

R22-03-04

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar, the following school requests are approved:

- DC John Baker to New York State Instructors Conference at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, NY from 22 March 2022 to 23 March 2022 at the cost of \$65
- Firefighters Matthew Lowrey and Raymond Scaperrotta to New York State Association of Fire Chief's Hands-On Training, on Engine Company and Truck Company Operations, at The Rock, FDNY Training Academy, in New York, N.Y. at the cost of \$450 per person.

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-05

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the tuition payment for Probationary Firefighters Jones, Vargas, and Martirano to the Westchester County Career Chief's Fire Training Academy shall be approved at the total cost of \$8,400.

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-06

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the Board approves the purchases of coats, outerwear, promotional uniforms, badges and accessories from Fairfield Uniforms of Bridgeport, Connecticut for a total cost of \$7781:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

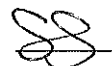
Spring training days are in the process of being planned. Water rescue is being considered as the training topic. The Department is considering using the Theodore D. Young Community Center pool.

Members have resumed monthly Technical Rescue training with Greenburgh Police Department, Greenville Fire Department, and Hartsdale Fire Department. February's training was Ice Rescue, March's training was Rope Rescue.

The Probationary Firefighters started work on 8 March 2022 and are scheduled to begin the 18-week Fire Academy on 15 March 2022.

The Chief will attend a meeting tomorrow, 11 March 2022, held by the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body. The meeting topic is the regional consolidation of Pelham, Pelham Manor, Larchmont, and New Rochelle Fire Departments.

The 32 SCBA regulators purchased from Municipal Emergency Supplies were delivered. The Department is currently in the process of inventorying and labeling each unit.



The Chief attended a meeting regarding the County's purchase of a new Squad 6 vehicle. The Chief said he would prefer it if the County Purchased a box truck with a lift gate.

Westchester County DES has communicated information regarding their Hazmat and Technical Rescue teams. They are looking for assistance with those teams' responses.

On 4 March 2022, we provided a mutual aid response to a house fire in Scarsdale. Captain Murray and Firefighters Crump, Peterson, and P. Murray performed exceptionally.

The Department responded to 177 alarms in February 2022, including 90 EMS and Extrication calls, 12 mutual aid-out responses, and 3 mutual aid-in responses.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Yizar, Chief Reiss, and Secretary Senior expressed interest in attending the Association of Fire Districts Annual Conference in Verona, NY, from 4 May 2022 to 7 May 2022. Commissioner Walthall-Moon would also like to attend but needs to ensure no scheduling conflicts.

R22-03-07

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the medical history and employment of particular persons and to review the Sick and Late Report for February 2022:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:38 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 20:09 hours.

R22-03-08

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the Public Session shall resume:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-09

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Walthall-Moon that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for February 2022:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-10

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 10 February 2022 in the amount of \$446,688.62:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.

R22-03-11

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 10 March 2022 in the amount of \$104,634.89:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, and Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

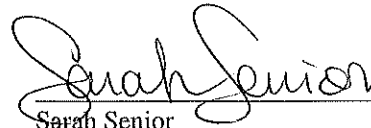
The motion was carried.

R22-03-12

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Robinson that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:56 hours:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Simmons absent.

The motion was carried.



Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary

