

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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Approved
Cronin
10/24/24

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, October 10, 2024
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 1-305-224-1968

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the October 10, 2024 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Laura Cronin, Commissioners Peter Cross (Zoom), Victor Skende (Zoom), Demetrius Atsalis

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, District Clerk-Treasurer TK Menesale, Assistant Chief Gregory Dardia, guests, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: Commissioner Alex Mercado

I. **OPEN SESSION:**

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Chairperson Cronin took the meeting out of order to cover 6b. Firefighters Higginbotham, Duchesney, and Batzinger Off Probation and 6c. Appointment of Lacksway, Boudro, Carlo, Goulet, Gonsalves, and Hein

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the permanent appointment and thereby waive the 15-day waiting period of Louis Laskway, Fred Boudro, Louis Carlo, David Goulet, John Gonsalves and Kyle Hein

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the permanent appointment and take off probation Firefighters Chloe Higginbotham, Harrison Duchesney and Peter Batzinger

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

1. **MINUTES:**

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of 6/27/24 for approval

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of 8/22/24 for approval

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

1. MINUTES (Continued):

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of 06/13/24 for approval as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of 09/12/24 for approval

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on 04/09/24 for approval

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commission Atsalis: Aye

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chairperson Cronin, Commissioner Cross, and Commissioner Skende received personal letters from Mr. Richard Gallagher; these letters were personal so there is no action needed by the board

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

- None

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. HFD Moderator Position:

- Chairperson Cronin said the current Moderator for the HFD, Len Gobeil, is moving out of the district and he will be sending Chairperson Cronin an email to confirm his official resignation; Chairperson Cronin thanked him for his service as the Moderator for the HFD.
- Chairperson Cronin said that if the board decides to modify the Moderator position in the By-laws this change will have to be enacted through legislation; the board discussed the steps necessary to change any aspect of the District Moderator position.
- The board decided to send its Moderator modification question to the By-law committee to double check this Process.

6b. Firefighters Higginbotham, Duchesney and Batzinger Off Probation:

- see out of order under I. Open Session section

6c. Appointment of Lacksway, Boudro, Carlo, Goulet, Gonsalves and Hein:

- see out of order under I. Open Session section

7. BUILDING REPORT:

- Chief Burke said the attic project is nearing completion; the attic stairs have been installed; the sink installation cost is being priced between \$8,000.00 to \$40,000.00; Chief Burke stated the sink installation decision will be decided next week.
- Chief Burke said overall, the building is in good shape and the previously mentioned projects are progressing forward in a timely manner
- Commissioner Atsalis inquired if the HFD could have someone sponsor the landscaping for the fire house, Chief Burke said the current landscape process works for us and recommends keeping in place.
- Chief Burke said landscapers are scheduled to prune off the front, large tree next week

8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR:

- None

9. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke said it has been a busy last few weeks for the HFD
- HFD had the rededication of the "Raven" boat event; there were about 60 people at this well-attended celebration
- The Airport Exercise Drill went very well; 300 people and 20 agencies involved in this training
- Chief Jones from Kansas City Fire, Missouri was here for the special development series
- The Training Captain process occurred in parallel with these training exercises, and presentations.
- There was a regional emergency meeting; 2 separate grants totaling \$611,000 have been awarded to the Town of Barnstable which will be used to design a portion of the project to create a new 2-story building. Ideally, the fire districts' dispatch will be in one location to help increase emergency response efficiencies; HFD is preparing to put out the next grant in March 2025; Chief Burke said the finalization of the design and construction of this facility is tentatively scheduled for after 2027; so right now work stages are being planned
- Chief Burke stated the Opioid Grant process is ongoing; a small grant team will be issuing grants
- The antique Ahrens Fox FireTruck is tentatively scheduled to be moved to its new home at the museum next Week.
- The overall EMS call for opioid overdoses have decreased due to the Narcan distribution program
- Chief Burke said on November 18, 2024 two of the HFD's FFs will receive a Firefighter of the Year Award for outstanding performance; one incident involved a drowning and the second incident involved a fire
- Commissioner Cross was a walk-on participant at the Airport Exercise Drill; he said the drill was very professional and an extremely well-run, multi-agency drill; Commissioner Cross gave a special thanks to Chief Burke, Assistant Chief Dardia, Captain Nagorka, and Captain Medeiros for their leadership and excellent work in planning and executing this complex drill

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to Adjourn the public session

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Commission Atsalis: Aye

Adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, HFD Recording Secretary

MEETING AGENDA
HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b)
Laura Cronin- Chair

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **October 10, 2024**, a meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be conducted at the HYANNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Real-time Public comment can be addressed to the Board utilizing the Zoom link or telephone number and access code listed below:

Link: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/5042956607>
Meeting ID: 504 295 6607
For Public Comment Dial: 1-305-224-1968
Password: Hyannis1!

AGENDA & CALL TO ORDER:

I. OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes
 - a. 6/27/24 & 8/22/24 for approval
2. Correspondence
3. Public Comment
4. Street Lights
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. HFD Moderator Position
 - b. Firefighters Higginbotham, Duchesney and Batzinger off probation
 - c. Appointment of Arrascue, Boudro, Carlo, Goulet, Goncalves and Hein
7. Building Report
8. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
9. Chiefs Report
10. Public Comment

ADJOURN

The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. Items are listed in their approximate order, and items may be reached earlier or later than the posted order. Items listed for executive session may also be discussed in open session. The listing of items contains those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Persons interested are advised that in the event that any matter taken up at the meeting that remains unfinished at the close of the meeting may be put off to a continued session of the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.