

Board of Fire Commissioners
Special Meeting
November 2, 2009

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009, at Fire Headquarters, 72 New Haven Avenue, Chairmen Riso called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1) **Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Thomas Riso, John Healy, Carmen Corvino, Richard Smith, Howard Stein and Jonathan Berchem

Excused: Commissioner Brennan

Also, present were Chief LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Robert Healey, Assistant Chief Daniel Johnson, Atty Lawrence Sqrignari. Andrew Vargo, Atty James Ferguson, Paul Geer, Michael Dunn.

2) **New Business**

Commissioner Riso stated he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Commissioner Stein made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. with just the Commissioners, to set up procedures for an Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Corvino. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. by Commissioner Healy seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Corvino made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. with Commissioners, Chief LaVecchia, Asst. Chief's Healey and Johnson, Attorney Lawrence Sqrignari, Attorney Ferguson, Paul Geer, Andy Vargo and Michael Dunn. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:55 p.m. Commissioners requested all other participants leave the room.

Commissioner Healy made a motion to return to public session at 9:37 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stein stated the Board of Fire Commissioners realized that important interest is at stake by our decision. We have been presented with a document ID as # 26 Quest Diagnostic Report, which proprietarily is a Blood Alcohol report of a Firefighter while on active duty on 10/23/2009 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

This document on its face indicates that a Firefighter had an on duty blood alcohol level of .104

Representative of Local 944 through their union representative present, have respectfully requested that we reserve judgment until such time as a corroborate can be performed on the above referenced sample

We believe in the interest of fairness said Firefighter have the opportunity within a reasonable period of time to secure the independent test and submit the results of the independent test to us before the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 17, 2009

Commissioner Stein raised a motion to continue this matter at the next Board of Fire Commissioners meeting on November 17, 2009 seconded by Commissioner Healy. Motion carried unanimously.

3). **Adjournment**

Commissioner Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.