

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
**72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT**  
**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 18:35 hours. A quorum was present.

**Roll Call:** In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Stein, Riso, R. Smith, Brennan, and Soda were present. Also present was Chief Edo, Assistant Chief Fabrizi, Assistant Chief Waiksnoris and Local 944 President Ryan LaGuardia

**Absent:** P. Smith

- II. **Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners:**  
Mark LaBrecque, Fire Inspector 72 New Haven Ave. Inspector LaBrecque spoke in favour of grievance 22-005.

- III. **Consideration of Minutes:**

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Commissioners Riso and Brennan made and second a motion to accept the minutes of May 31, 2022. Motions carried unanimously.

- IV. **Communications:**

Commissioner R. Smith read several correspondences:

1. A letter from the State Division of Criminal Justice, thanking the department and individual members for the training received at Seemans Lane. The information was informative and will be helpful in the future careers of prosecutors.
2. Chief Edo received a phone call regarding the response of the structure fire on Woodmont Road regarding the great response and demeanor.

- V. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath expressed sympathy on behalf of the commission to Commissioner Soda on the loss of her grandfather. He spoke of the call received regarding the departments help with United Way's Duck Race and the success of the event. He extended to everyone a safe and Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **Committees Report:**

- a) Personnel Committee: none  
Chairman McGrath noted that interviews for new recruits would be scheduled soon.
- b) Maintenance & Equipment: Commissioner Brennan stated he hoped with the new budget the tower would be fixed.
- c) Safety Committee Liaison: none

VII. **Chief's Report:**

Test Update – Chief Edo stated the results of the agility portion of the test were complete. There were 174 applicants, 146 took the written test, 73 passed and 32 passed the physical portion. The oral interview is next followed by the commission interviews. He is hoping it will be fast tracked to be able to have candidate names in the Academy by August.

Construction Update – The curbing at headquarters is supposed to be done. The ramp at Station 7 has been completed; the parking lot needs to be paved there as well.

VIII. **New Business:**

- a) Grievance 22-04  
Local 944 President Ryan LaGuardia addressed grievance 22-04 stating the process of Grievances 22-01, 22-02, & 22-03 violated the proper protocol and procedure per Article 5 of the CBA.
- b) Grievance 22-05  
Local 944 President Ryan LaGuardia stated the grievance is the denial of cars for the Fire Marshal Division, which per past practice the division had use of cars to and from work.

Commissioners Stein and Riso made and seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of addressing Grievances 22-04 & 22-05. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Stein request the chief and two assistant chiefs remain in attendance for the purpose of offering testimony and/or opinion.

The Commission, Chief Edo, Assistant Chief Fabrizi and Assistant Chief Waiksnoris enter into executive session at 19:27.

Chief Edo, Assistant Chief Fabrizi and Assistant Chief Waiksnoris exit executive session at 19:37

Commissioners Stein and R. Smith made and seconded a motion to exit executive session. Motion carries unanimously.

The Commission, exit executive session at 19:46

Commissioner Stein noted no votes were taken in executive session.

Commissioner Stein and Riso made and second a motion to deny Grievances 22-04, & 22-05. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. **Unfinished Business:** None

X. **New Equipment:** None

XI. Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners: None

XII. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners R. Smith and Riso made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:48 Motion carried unanimously.