



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING TRANSCRIPT

(AS REQUIRED BY NYS GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1)

FEBRUARY 12, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.

Chief William Steenbergh: Okay, so I've admitted everybody from the waiting room the uh, the recording is on for the transcription and, uh, Mr. Chairman, we're ready to begin.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, so, umm, welcome everyone. Uh, Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting agenda for Friday, February 12th, uh, 2021 and I'll take attendance. Uh, Ralph Chiumento is absent. Uh, Bruce Griffing? Commissioner Griffing?

Commissioner Bruce Griffing: Here. Here.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, Uh, I'm here, Peter Valdez. Umm, Commissioner Rich Dore?

Commissioner Richard Dore: Here.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay and uh, Commissioner Longi is not yet here. Uh, Chief William, uh, Steenbergh?

Chief William Steenbergh: Here.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Uh, Assistant Chief Eric Philipps?

Assistant Chief Eric Philipp: Here.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Director of EMS Dave Violante?

Director of EMS David Violante: I am here.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay. Direct..uh, District Secretary Ren..Renee O'Neill is excused, as well as Treasurer Jim Passikoff. Okay. Let's see. If you could scroll down a little bit more. So I'm going to call the meeting to order. All right, roll call, we did that. Okay Abstract. Approval Abstract 21-2A, reviewed by Commissioner Dore and Commissioner Longi. So, I'll make a motion for, uh, the Abstract 21-2A. Commissioner Dore?

Commissioner Richard Dore: I approve.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, so it consists (Commissioner Richard Dore: I seconded. I seconded) of zero paid bills and a total of zero checks and 90 thousand dollars, 600, uh, \$90,600 and 36 cents in unpaid bills, with a total of 43 checks for a grand total of \$90,600 and 36 cents totaling 43 checks. Do...approval?

Commissioner Richard Dore: You made..you made the motion Pete, I'll second it.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, uh, any questions? Any comments? Hearing none. Uh, get a vote to approve it. Okay. So hearing, no, uh, no nays, uh, that would be approved, for Abstract 21-2A. Okay, so, umm, we're going to, uh, have a motion to go into Executive Session. Uh, Chief Steenbergh has three items for the purpose of medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters, leading to the uh, appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. So do we have a uh, motion for Executive Session?

Commissioner Richard Dore: I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay.

Commissioner Bruce Griffing: Commissioner Griffing, I'll second that.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay. All right, so, uh, we will now go, uh, with hearing no nays, we will go into Executive Session. Thank you.

Chief William Steenbergh: Okay, if everybody could just stand by we'll excuse...

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Chief William Steenbergh: Okay, Mr. Chairman. (PAUSE) Okay, Mr. Chairman we've, uh, restarted the recording and, uh, the transcript and we've readmitted everybody from the waiting room. Uh, you can resume the meeting whenever you're ready.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, we're going to resume the meeting at uh, 4:08 p.m. We're out of Executive Session and I'm going to ask uh, Chief Steenbergh to uh, read the, uh first, uh, first item out of the agenda to vote on.

Chief William Steenbergh: Okay, so, item number one is to remove Probationary Firefighter Howard Whitney from probation and to make him a permanent employee at the rank of Firefighter.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay heard that, uh...

Commissioner Richard Dore: I make a motion.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Uh, I'd like to make a motion for that, umm, to remove, uh, Firefighter Whitney from, uh, probation and make him a Firefighter. Do I have a second?

Commissioner Richard Dore: Yeah, I'll second that.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, all in favor? Okay hearing, no, uh, nays, uh, that's approved.

Chief William Steenbergh: The second item would be to promote Firefighter Don Robison and Firefighter Erin Hanlon to the rank of Lieutenant with start dates to be determined by the Chief.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, we have a motion, uh like to make a motion to, uh, approve promotions for, uh, Firefighter Robison and Firefighter Hanlon, uh, for Lieutenants, dates to be determined by the Chief. Do I hear a second?

Commissioner Bruce Griffing: I'll second that. Commissioner Griffing.

Commissioner Richard Dore: I'll second that. Oh.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, umm, does anyone have any, uh, nays or anyone disagree? Hearing none. We'll approve that. So that item is approved. Congratulations to, uh, Donnie and to, uh, Eric. And is there anything else? Hearing none, I will, uh, ask for a, umm, the meeting to be, uh, ended and uh...

Commissioner Richard Dore: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, adjourn the meeting. Okay, and uh, the meeting is now adjourned.

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Commissioner Bruce Griffing: I'll second that.

Commissioner Peter Valdez (Vice Chairman): Okay, we have a second, the meeting is now adjourned. Everybody have a great weekend and good holiday.

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Transcribed and respectfully submitted by,

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