

JANUARY 6TH, 2022

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Held On Google Hangouts

PRESENT: Commr. Paul Carlo
Commr. Thomas Roche
Commr. Brian Keating
Commr. Paul Ranellone
Commr. Anthony Lore

IN ATTENDANCE:
Chief Brian Tween
Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom
Secretary Marissa Isang Smith
Legal Counsel Cheryl Sacco
Legal Counsel Paul Sweeney

Chief Brian Tween opened the Reorganizational meeting at 6:35 PM.

The Board saluted the flag.

Chief Tween welcomed the new Commr. Anthony Lore.

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Ranellone seconded by Commr. Roche to elect Commr. Carlo for Chairman for the year 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Roche - Aye
Commr. Ranellone - Aye
Commr. Lore - Aye
Commr. Carlo - Aye
Commr. Keating - Absent

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore to elect Commr. Ranellone for Vice Chairman for the year 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Abstain
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Absent
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commr. Roche seconded by Commr. Carlo and unan. carried that this meeting adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commr. Carlo made the MOTION seconded by Commr. Roche and unan. Carried to exit the executive session and re-enter the public session.

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore to select Commr. Ranellone as Health and Safety Meeting Board Rep.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Abstain
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Ranellone seconded by Commr. Carlo to re-appoint Jamie Hedstrom, CPA, MST to the position of Fire District Treasurer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022, at the rate of \$87 per hour.

The position also has:

Pension eligibility: yes

Health Care Insurance: as required by per law, NYSHIP rules & requirements

Holidays: unpaid

Sick Leave: as required by law

Sick Leave Incentive: NONE

Hours: varied / estimated to be 20 hours per week

Longevity: None

Personal days: None

Vacation: 2 weeks paid @ 20 hours per week

Overtime: As required by law.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Roche seconded by Commr. Lore to appoint Marissa Isang Smith as Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022, at a salary of \$72,000 with the amendment of holiday to 8 holidays.

The position also has:

- Participation in NYSLRS- required
- Health insurance per board policy with 10% premium contribution
- Two weeks of paid vacation per year
- 8 days of paid sick leave
- 8 holidays per board policy
- Three (3) personal days
- Position is eligible for dental coverage provided by an IAFF L-916 Dental Plan
- Optical- none
- Bereavement- none
- Sick leave incentive- none

FMLA/PFL- FMLA as required by law
Educational Reimbursement- none

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to appoint Marissa Isang Smith as Freedom Of Information Law Officer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Roche to appoint Chief Brian Tween as Freedom Of Information Law Appeals Officer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to appoint Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, 99 Corporate Drive, Binghamton, NY 13902-2039 as Fire District Counsel of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
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Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranelone to appoint Steven Sledzik, Esq. of Morrison Law Firm, P.C. 445 Hamilton Ave, Suite 402, White Plains, NY 10601 as Fire District Ethics Counsel of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranelone to appoint BST & Co. CPAs, LLP, 26 Computer Dr. W, Albany, NY 12205, as Fire District Auditor of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022, per the terms of the existing agreement.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranelone to appoint Dr. Shikha Goyal of White Plains Urgent Care at 10 Chester Ave, White Plains, New York 10601, as Fire District Physician of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye

Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

Commr. Lore asked if the Board could vote on opening the meetings with a prayer before. Legal Counsel Cheryl Sacco recommended the Board discuss this request in an executive session and not vote on it tonight.

Commr. Roche discussed adding Monsignor Luke Sweeney from Immaculate Heart of Mary to the agenda at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Roche to appoint Rev. Carl Maiello from the Good Shepherd Church, Fr. Anthony Sorgie from the Immaculate Conception Church, Rabbi Sruli Dietsch from Chabad of Bronxville and Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone of the Reformed Church of Bronxville as Fire District Chaplains of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

Commr. Lore asked the Board to consider the Eastchester Review for the official newspaper for legal notice. Commr. Roche mentioned it was half the price of the Journal. Commr. Carlo explained that the issue was that not many people have access to the Eastchester Review as they do the Journal.

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranelone to appoint The Journal News as the Official Newspaper for Legal Notice of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranelone	-	Aye

Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to appoint JP Morgan Chase and the Federal Reserve Treasury Direct Account as Fire District Depositories of the Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2022

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Abstain
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

Commr. Carlo affirmed that under the Eastchester Fire District workplace violence policy the contact person for receiving any complaints in 2022 will be Chief Brian Tween and or the Fire Board Chairman. Copies of said policy should be posted in each firehouse. The affirmed Fire District code of ethics, the code of ethics of the Fire District revised in 2019, has been distributed to all board members, the Fire District treasurer, the secretary to the board of fire commissioners, and the fire chief. Certification will follow to all for confirmation. The board instructed the chief to have copies posted in each firehouse.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board has been supplied with one set of bills for Board approval. Chief Tween has reviewed all prior to the meeting, except certiorari claims and those specifically marked as reviewed by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer has requested the Board approve the following:
Warrant 1- 01/06/2022- \$230,868.43

Total \$230,868.43

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. To approve the bills and vouchers as presented.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to repeal the motion approved on December 16, 2021, approving purchases of transcription services for no more than \$20/month and adopt a new motion to approve of the upfront cost of no more than \$500 to transcribe the remaining 8 Historical Meetings, and the additional purchase of Premium Transcription Software services for a price not to exceed \$60/month for future remote meetings.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Abstain
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Lore to adopt the proposed 2022 EBOFC Meeting Schedule, as follows:

2022 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, July 21st at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM

- Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone to accept a donation from Garth Woods Owners Corp, c/o Gramatan Management, 2 Hamilton Ave Suite 217, New Rochelle, NY in the amount of \$150. The donation was made with no specifications or conditions and will be deposited into the general fund.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Ranellone seconded by Commr. Carlo to separate EFD firefighter with Badge No. 155 pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 73 effective on or after January 10, 2022.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Abstain
Commr. Roche	-	Aye
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Ranellone seconded by Commr. Carlo to authorize the Fire Chief to settle Civil Service Law Section 75 discipline against EFD firefighter with Badge No. 201 on the following terms: Forfeiture of accrued vacation equal to six (6)

twenty-four-hour tours and forfeiture of overtime opportunities for one (1) year, conditioned on the firefighters' execution of a written agreement which contains an admission of guilt and such other terms as may be required by District Counsel.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	No
Commr. Roche	-	No
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2022

MOTION by Commr. Ranellone seconded by Commr. Carlo to give the secretary authority, once she gets the results from the CPAT, to send all the candidates letters for interviews at a date to be determined based upon the availability of those participating in the interview.

The Board was polled as follows:

Commr. Lore	-	Aye
Commr. Ranellone	-	Aye
Commr. Keating	-	Aye
Commr. Roche	-	Abstain
Commr. Carlo	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED *****

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No comments were provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commr. Carlo seconded by Commr. Ranellone and unan. Carried that this meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marissa "Isang" Smith
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS