

Town of Hamden
Fire Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Town Hall at 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

A special meeting of the Hamden Fire Commission opened on January 11, 2023 in the Legislative Auditorium at Memorial Town Hall.

Commissioners in Attendance: Victor Mitchell, Samod Rankins, and Gary Tinney, Chair.
Absent: Nancy Hill, Cherlyn Poindexter, and Fire Chief Jeffrey Naples. Also in attendance: Deputy Fire Marshal, Nelson Hwang and Clerk for the Commission, Patrice LeMoine.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Tinney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken, confirming a quorum was present.
2. **Executive Session:** Mr. Tinney requested a motion to go into session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the hiring of one (1) Entry-Level Firefighter EMT position. At 6:01 p.m. Mr. Mitchell motioned to go into session and was seconded by Mr. Rankins. The motion passed unanimously. At this time, Ms. LeMoine and Mr. Hwang withdrew from the meeting.

At 6:45 p.m. Ms. LeMoine and Mr. Hwang returned to the room. At the same time, Mr. Tinney requested a motion to end the executive session. Mr. Rankins motioned to end executive session and was seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

The Chair, Mr. Tinney requested a vote for the following:

For the position of **Entry-Level Firefighter EMT**, Mr. Tinney requested a vote to appoint Mr. Michael McKnight.

Victor Mitchell	Aye
Samod Rankins	Aye
Gary Tinney	Aye

Results of vote: three in favor, no opposed, and no abstention(s). The vote carried. **Mr. McKnight** has been appointed to the position of **Entry-Level Firefighter EMT**.

Mr. Tinney requested a vote to appoint Zane Parise. A vote was not required.

Mr. Tinney requested a vote to appoint Phillip Zetterstrom. A vote was not required.

Ms. LeMoine agreed to contact Personnel and Fire Chief Naples' office with the results of the appointment. The swearing-in ceremony will be determined by Fire Chief Naples.

Ms. LeMoine will poll the commissioners to confirm attendance for the regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** In Fire Chief Naples' absence, Ms. LeMoine reminded the Commissioners that a letter from the Chief was addressed to the Commissioners and will be discussed at the regular meeting.

At this time, Mr. Tinney welcomed and thanked Mr. Hwang for attending this evening's meeting. Mr. Hwang was recently appointed to president of the firefighters' union and spoke about interest to working with the Commission. They discussed working together to better communication and the recruitment of firefighters for the department.

3. **Adjournment:** Mr. Tinney requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rankins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Mitchell seconded, and all were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Commission