

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
February 24, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL

Fire & Police Commissioners:

PRESENT:

Lizzie Rodriguez, Chair
John Ahlman, Vice Chair
Barbara Anderson, Commissioner
Louisa Wood, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Commissioner Dianne Travis-Teague

STAFF:

Chris Mailes, Fire Chief
Bernard Melekian, Interim Police Chief
Carol Lupo, Commission Secretary
Nicole Kasper, Commission Secretary

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 2022

MOTION: Vice Chair Ahlman motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2021. Second by Commissioner Wood.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Continued discussion regarding ID cards for Fire and Police Commissioners; John Doimas will update at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Request to have a presentation from John Doimas to explain the role of Fire & Police regarding making decisions; discuss charter and authorities.

- Add to next agenda a discussion regarding CFC draft recommendations

FIRE AND POLICE LIAISON REPORTS

Police Liaison – Commissioner Wood

The CFC survey will be sent out in one week. The data from the survey will be returned in March. The survey results may cause there to be changes to the draft The final recommendation will be submitted to Council in April.

Fire Liaison – Vice Chair Ahlman

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Melekian

- Use of force incidents are measured as less than 1% of all total contacts.
- External complaints received by year are as follows:
2018-16, 2019-13, 2020-44, 2021-8

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Mailes

- Engineer and Captain exams will occur this spring. Academy funding has been approved for future hires.
- A grant for fuels mitigation has been applied for, and updates will be provided for use of funds should the money be granted.
- 70.1% of call are processed in 60 seconds or less, 46.3% turnout time occurs in 60 seconds or less, 72.3% travel time is in 4 minutes or less resulting in a total response time of 6 minutes and 15 seconds in 63.2% of calls.
- Vegetation management will include multiple abatement projects in the city.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT / 5:51 PM

MOTION: Chair Rodriguez requests to move for adjournment.

ACTION: Unanimous voice vote