

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING
MINUTES
April 10, 2025
Tele-conference
Gaithersburg, Maryland

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Anita Powell, Chair
Commissioner Jane Callen
Commissioner Mark Dempsey
Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Robert Ford

STAFF PRESENT:

Division Chief Charles Bailey
Battalion Chief Ashley Robinson
Battalion Chief Peter Dugan
Battalion Chief Jay Blake
Melissa Schulze, MGR III

OTHER:

Alan Cohn
Marcine Goodloe
Lou Kaufman, President, WVRS
Chief Christopher Hinde, RVFD
Captain Clinton Kraft
Captain Nicholas Wagner
Captain Wesley Shipley
Captain Kenley Sands
Lieutenant William Bayles
Lieutenant Wilson Owens
Lieutenant Brennan Martin
Lieutenant Timothy Koehn
MFF John Petrarca
MFF Steven Staub
MFF William Bryant
FF John Quigley
FF Christopher Fry
FF Shane Carlton
FF Marlon Grande
FF Robert Thomas
FF David Freed
FF Stephen Begosh
FF Anthony Justus
FF Andrew Hartman
Company 8
Robert King
Harrison Wilson

100 – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anita Powell called the meeting to order at 1901. Commissioner Powell added a discussion for new business to the agenda.

101 – REPORT OF THE COMMISSION CHAIR

Chair Powell does not have a report; however, requests a list of all chiefs and presidents email addresses of each department and make it available to all commissioners. Chair Powell also thanked staff for sending out future dates of services and invitations. Chief Powell would also like to know what happened at the Master Plan Inaugural Conference that took place on March 27, 2025.

102 – REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Callen stated that Laytonsville VFD offered to host the next FESC meeting at their station. Commissioner Powell offered the meeting would also be hybrid – in person and online.

103 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion passed to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes.

104 – FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Division Chief Bailey is attending on behalf of Fire Chief Smedley. Chief Bailey's answered questions re: the proposed operational changes.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Callen to ensure that the FESC will be included in all substantive discussions, working groups, and conceptualization sessions on changes to the current service deployment model. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Dempsey and PASSED 3-1.

200 – BUSINESS ITEMS

No business items.

300 – DISCUSSION

301 – OLD BUSINESS

No old business

302 – NEW BUSINESS

- Updates:
 1. Budget meeting with County Council – COB 7th Floor hearing room, April 21, 2025 @ 1215
 2. MCFRS Volunteer graduation – June 12, 2025 @ 1730-2100
 3. June 2025 FESC meeting moved to July 10, 2025, due to the above graduation
- Added to agenda: The commission received an email from President Kaufman (WVRS) requesting information regarding the requirements for physical examination adopted policies MCFRS policy 01-02 and revisions to NFPA 1582. Commissioner Powell is requesting an update to the inquiries requested by President Kaufman at a future commission meeting.

400 – Public Comment

- Alan Cohn requested a discussion about the budget be added to next month's meeting agenda. Commissioner Powell said yes.
- President Kaufman discussed MCFRS/FRC Policy 01-02 (Medical Standards For Operational Member and Candidates of MCFRS), adopted October 2016, which adopts NFPA 1582, the 2013 edition. The policy "carves out" chapter 8, which is "lenient" to standards for incumbents that requires the use of chapter 6. President Kaufman is requesting the policy be updated.

500 - Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Ford. The meeting was adjourned at 2035.