



# JEFFERSON PARISH

## FIRE CIVIL SERVICE



### NOTICE OF FIRE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 7, 2022  
11:30 a.m., Council Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Yenni Bldg.  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.  
Jefferson, LA 70123

#### **Agenda:**

Meeting called to order  
Roll Call of Board Members  
Acknowledgement of Audience

#### **Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

June 9, 2022 meeting

#### **Housekeeping:**

- a. Approve any PAF forms received since last meeting.
- b. Approve Curren Court Reporters Invoice.

#### **Public Hearings:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED JULY 7** – Rule XV, sections 3 Fire Equipment Operator, 4 Fire Lieutenant and 5 Fire Captain.
2. **POSTPONED** – Rule XV, sections 27 Hazardous Materials Risk Coordinator and 28 Assistant Hazardous Risk Coordinator.
3. **POSTPONED** – Rule XV, section 29 Fire Services Information Technology Specialist.
4. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE** – Job Analysis/Classified Position Investigations:
  - a. Discussion and vote on whether or not to request the board to do a job analysis on the division of fire services.
  - b. **Craig Burkett Item# 00/13/05** – Appeal regarding classified position investigation.
  - c. Discussion on whether or not to do a job analysis on the entire emergency management division as well as mechanics at Parish garage.
5. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE -- Discussion of Classification Plans and Duties**
  - a. **Michael Travis Item #4/20/2074** – Investigation into Classes for Chief of Administration and Fire Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, as to why a candidate from the eligibility list has not been selected to fill the vacancy. The investigation also questions the duties of the positions and it is believed that the person currently is acting as a Deputy Chief.

- b. Discussion of the Board initiating an investigation pursuant to RS 33:2544 into the assignment of duties to the classes of Fire Chief of Administration, and Fire Department Assistant to the Fire Chief, to determine if the duties assigned have created a different class.

**New Business:**

1. **David Schaefer Item# 6/22/200** – Appeal on work related injury leave.
2. **Memorial Day Holiday Pay:**

**Appeals:**

- a. **Mitchell Arbaugh Item# 6/22/201** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- b. **Brad Esteves item# 6/22/202** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- c. **Brad Rodrigue Item# 6/22/203** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- d. **David Thezan Item# 6/22/204** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- e. **Jay Parr Item# 6/22/205** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- f. **Michael Labat Item# 6/22/206** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- g. **Christopher Clark Item# 6/22/207** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- h. **Michael Rodrigue Item# 6/22/208** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- i. **Michael Gremillion Item# 6/22/209** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- j. **Tim Moskau Item# 6/22/210** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- k. **William Crossen Item# 6/22/211** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- l. **Brendan Fox Item# 6/22/212** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- m. **Daniel McCormick Item# 6/22/213** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- n. **William Haas Item# 6/22/216** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- o. **Jake Scardino Item# 6/22/217** – Appeal on Holiday Pay
- p. **Michael Giarrusso Item# 6/22/220** – Appeal on Holiday Pay

**Investigations:**

- q. **Brad Esteves Item# 6/22/214** – Investigation on why employees are not compensated for holiday pay.
  - r. **Brendan Fox Item# 6/22/215** – Investigation on why employees are consistently being shorted holiday pay.
3. **Stephen Rodrigue Item# 6/22/218** – Appeal on Reimbursement of Union Dues Deducted from paycheck.
  4. **Brad Rodrigue Item# 6/22/219** – Appeal on Reimbursement of Union Dues Deducted from paycheck.
  5. Approval of Fire Communications Officer I and Fire Records Clerk Applications.
  6. Discussion of call for examinations for competitive and promotional classes. (Includes immediate call for Fire Assistant Chief.)
  7. Discussion of the qualifications for the class of Fire Chief.
  8. **Christopher Carver Item# 6/22/221** – Appeal on Payroll Miscalculation.

9. **William Haas Item# 6/22/222** – Appeal on Return of Annual Leave.

**Old Business – Scheduled Hearings:**

1. **SCHEDULED FOR STATUS UPDATE – Mikel Crossen Item# 1/22/145** – Appeal on Reimbursement of Sick/Annual Leave
2. **SCHEDULED FOR STATUS UPDATE – Mark Decker Item# 3/22/195** – Request for Investigation/Hearing on Red Book vs. Green Book Overtime Policies  
**MOTION** to defer to July 7 for status update Craig Burkett; seconded Glenn Scorsone.  
**PASSES 3-0.**
3. **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING JULY 7 – Derek Lowe Item# 5/22/199** – Appeal on Duty Injury Leave.

**Old Business:**

1. **DEFERRED TILL JULY 7 FOR STATUS UPDATE** – Complaint against classified Fire Chief David Tibbetts for repeated dereliction and/or willful incompetence and statements made in letters to classified employees without basis or untrue pursuant to LA. R.S. § 33:2537(5) and other items raised of Mr. Venegas letter of April 7, 2022.
2. **DEFERRED TO JULY 7 – Mark Lemoine Item# 5/22/196** – Investigation into safety issues at the stations.
3. **DEFERRED TO JULY 7 – Eric Cook Item# 5/22/197** – Appeal on Termination.
4. **DEFERRED TO JULY 7 – William Zeigler Item# 5/22/198** – Appeal on annual leave payment after retirement.
5. **DEFERRED TO JULY 7** – Why pay period and shift schedule was changed for fire alarm and employees not compensated for past pay? Why averaging work hours per week still continue for suppression personnel?
6. Discuss why new firefighters are being sent to LSU, circumventing and contracting out duties of our training officers and salary calculation for recruits.
7. Opinion received from Attorney General in regards to board duties and authority.
8. Method of communication with administration in absence of Fire Chief.
9. Compensation due upon retirement for sick and annual leave; compensation for leave over limits allow in the Redbook due to inability to use the leave prior to retirement.
10. Contracting out Fire Civil Service duties to other parish agencies. Discussion of whether or not delegation of duties is allow under law.
11. **CONTINUANCE REQUESTED BY BOTH PARTIES – Tristian St. Cyr Item #12/20/2099**  
– Appeal on Disciplinary Action

12. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE/RESCHEDULE PENDING BOTH PARTIES REQUEST TO MOVE FORWARD – Donald Lambert Item# 11/21/120** – Appeal on Loss of Leave
13. **WAITING ON RESPONSE FROM APPOINTING AUTHORITY/CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Appeal/Investigation for Destiny Holloway**
  - a. **Destiny Holloway Item# 6/21/107** – Appeal on 2021 Annual Evaluation **Motion to Dismiss received by Appointing Authority.**
  - b. **Destiny Holloway Item# 5/21/105** – Appeal on Disciplinary Action on April 30, 2021
  - c. **Destiny Holloway Item #5/8/2075** – Appeal on Annual Leave Reinstatement
  - d. **Destiny Holloway Item# 6/21/106** – Investigation into Malfunctioning of Equipment
14. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Craig Burkett Item# 11/21/121** – Appeal on Injury/Illness Sick Leave
15. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Appeals on Hurricane Ida Pay:**
  - a. **Brad Rodrigue, Mitchell Arbaugh and Michael Giarrusso Item# 9/21/112** – Appeal on why Holiday pay was not used for Hurricane Ida.
  - b. **Erin Hughes Item# 10/21/115** – Appeal on Holiday Pay for Hurricane Ida
  - c. **John Abide Item# 10/21/116** – Appeal on Holiday Pay for Hurricane Ida
  - d. **Chad Penot Item# 10/21/117** – Appeal on Holiday Pay for Hurricane Ida
  - e. **Mikel Crossen Item# 9/21/118** – Appeal on Compensation for Hurricane Ida
  - f. **Mitchell Arbaugh Item #10/20/2092** – Appeal on compensation for all suppression employees as it relates to closures due to hurricanes
  - g. **Jacob Schwartz Item# 9/20/2079** – Appeal on Compensation for Hurricane Laura
  - h. **Jefferson Parish Fire Department Employees Item# 8/6/2066** – Investigation/Appeal Regarding Hurricane and Holiday Pay

**Investigation on Hurricane Pay:**

  - i. **Brad Rodrigue, Mitchell Arbaugh and Michael Giarrusso Item# 9/21/113** – Investigation on why Holiday pay was not used for Hurricane Ida.
16. Follow-up discussion on Redbook.  
Item was discussed. Both parties are continuing to work on Redbook.
17. **DEFERRED** – Chairman's request for discussion of possible interference with Board's efforts to carry out its duties.
18. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Todd Roser Item #6/20/2076** – Investigation/Appeal his grievance filed regarding the actions of Chief Carl Brondum.
  - a. Discussion of the department compliance with RS 33:2560(D)
19. Discuss mandatory overtime to fill minimum manpower as it relates to firefighter and public safety.
20. Discussion/possible action of assignment of Emergency Medical Services duties to Fire suppression personnel, and authorization for dispatching fire suppression equipment as backup to privately contracted Emergency Medical Services. Discussion of whether non-suppression calls are considered fire related pursuant to the list in R.S. 33:2541.

- a. Additional discussion of allocation of responsibility of fire personnel and other emergency responders and use of fire protection millage for other emergency services.
21. **CONTINUANCE – Mitchell Arbaugh Item #3/3/2072** – Investigation into Conduct of Superior Officer
22. **CONTINUANCE – Mitchell Arbaugh Item #3/13/2073** – Investigation into Conduct
23. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE -- Tammy Cavanaugh Item# 1/21/101** – Investigation into Pay Disparities
24. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE– Mitchel Arbaugh Item# 5/21/104** – Appeal on Annual Raise Correction
25. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE** – Discussion to consider calling as investigation to determine the current "state of the department," specifically what is good, right, acceptable about the management/leadership, maintenance, operations, services, employees working conditions?  
**Item withdrew by Dominick Mumphrey.**
26. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Cavanaugh & Calderini Item# 8/29/2067** – Appeal regarding the Dispatcher Shift Schedule.
27. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Melissa Burkett Item #2/18/2046** – Hearing/Investigation – she wants an investigation as to how the department is handling overtime, see letter from Melissa Burkett dated 2/8/18.
28. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Melissa Burkett, Tammy Cavanaugh et als, Item #9/17/2041 & 2041A** – Hearing/ Investigation of the procedures followed by Robert Funk Supervisor concerning sick leave.
29. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Craig Burkett Item #12/20/2097** – Appeal on COVID compensation.
30. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Appeal/Investigation regarding Pay Disparities**
  - a. **John Dunn Item# 2/14/2057** – Investigation of base pay and scheduled overtime for District Chiefs. Salary Correction/Adjustment in back pay.
  - b. **Rodrigue, Perre, Arbaugh & Glover Item# 7/20/2077** – Investigation into pay disparities.
  - c. **Craig Burkett Item# 00/13/04** – Appeal regarding pay issue 2%.  
**Subpoena requested and still open for response.**
31. **CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE – Fire Prevention Department Employees Item# 7/20/2078** – Investigation into pay of J. McGuire upon re-hire.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

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