TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Memorial Town Hall
2372 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Fire Commission Minutes

Special Meeting

6:00 PM, September 2, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Commissioner G. Tinney at 6:05 PM.

The roll was taken by the Clerk, and the following members were:

Present:
Commissioner Gary Tinney, Chair
Commissioner Samod Rankins
Commissioner Robert Mordecai
Commissioner Nancy Jordan
Commissioner Thomas A. Madera

In addition, Chief Shelly Carter of the Hamden Fire Department, Koger, and Briana J. Belton-Robinson, BC Clerk, were present, along with the 3 candidates for the Fire Lieutenant Positions, and Battalion Chief Paul Kobbe.

Roll Call Summary: Present, Voting 5, Present, Not Voting 0, Absent 0, Excused 0.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A. Monday, August 24th, 2026

Commissioner S. Rankins made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner N. Jordan.

The motion passed.

Vote: All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. The previous meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fire Commission Identification Badges

The Commission received an update regarding the Fire Commission identification badges. The design for the metal badges remains pending. Once the design is finalized and approved, production is expected to take approximately two to three weeks.

The Commission also discussed establishing a procedure regarding the issuance and return of metal badges. It was suggested that Commissioners sign for the badges upon receipt and return them at the conclusion of their terms so that the badges may be reissued to future Commissioners. The Commission will determine the appropriate practice and protocol.

B. Fire Commission Apparel for Community Representation

As of Friday, August 29, 2026, orders were placed for polo shirt badges for each Commissioner. The uniform store, which will produce the apparel, received the Commissioners' sizes.

The design and placement will be reviewed prior to final production to ensure accuracy.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for (1) One Fire Lieutenant position.

A. One Fire Lieutenant Position, Promotional Fire Lieutenant interviews:

1. Christopher Parmelee
2. Matthew Kellick
3. Thomas Paranzino

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for one Fire Lieutenant position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 6:16 PM.

The following candidates were interviewed for the promotional Fire Lieutenant position:

- Christopher Parmelee
- Matthew Kellick
- Thomas Paranzino

A motion was made to exit the Executive Session by Commission S. Rankins. The

motion was seconded by Commission N. Jordan and passed unanimously.

The Commission returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:21 PM.

7. COMMISSION APPOINTMENT VOTES

A. Appointment Votes for One Fire Lieutenant Positions

Commissioner S. Rankins made a motion to hire **Fire Lieutenant** *Candidate* Christopher Parmelee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner T.A. Madera.

Vote by Roll Call:
Yes
Commissioner Gary Tinney, Chair
Commissioner Samod Rankins
Commissioner Nancy Jordan
Commissioner Thomas A. Madera
Commissioner Robert Mordecai

The motion passed unanimously.
The appointment letter was enclosed with the meeting materials.

Vote Summary: Yes 5, No 0, Abstentions 0, Absent 0

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner S. Rankins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner N. Jordan.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 PM.

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