

**Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners  
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Fire Station 1, Training Room  
August 22, 2016

Portsmouth, NH  
1800 hours

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairwoman Matthes called the special meeting to order at 1800 hours and led pledge of allegiance. Along with Chairwoman Matthes, present were: Commissioners Richard Gamester and Michael Hughes, Fire Chief Steven Achilles, Local 4039 Representatives: Captain Todd Germain and Lieutenant Rick Condon, Local 1313 President Firefighter Russell Osgood, Attorney Thomas Closson and Executive Assistant Tracy Freeman. Portsmouth Herald report Beth Dinan was also present.

**II. Non-public Session:**

Commissioner Hughes made the motion to enter into Non-public session at 1802 hours in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a), for the purpose of considering a grievance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamester and passed unanimously.

Motion to come out of Non-public session and return to public session was made by Commissioner Hughes at 1925 hours. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes and passed unanimously.

Regular meeting reconvened at 1925 hours.

Commissioner Hughes motioned for a vote to be taken on the acceptance of the grievances filed by Local 1313 and Local 4039. Motion was seconded by Chairwoman Matthes and passed unanimously.

Vote to accept the grievance filed by Local 1313. Vote taken: 2 yes (Matthes & Hughes) – 1 no (Gamester). Vote passes.

Vote to accept the grievance filed by Local 4039. Vote taken: 2 yes (Matthes & Hughes) – 1 no (Gamester). Vote passes.

**III. Adjournment:**

Motion, to adjourn at 1930 hours, was made by Chairwoman Matthes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamester and passed unanimously.