

**The Board of Fire Commissioners
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Fire Station 2
George Pierce Training Room
December 9, 2025

Portsmouth, NH
1800 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Gamester called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

II. Pledge of Allegiance with Attendance:

Chief McQuillen led the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Commissioners: Richard Gamester and Jennifer Matthes; Fire Chief William McQuillen, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Gionet, Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe, Administrative Manager Nancy Savini, many fire department personnel and many family members for the pinning ceremonies. Absent was Commissioner Michael Hughes.

III. Public Comment Session

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, was made by Commissioner Matthes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamester and passed unanimously.

V. Oath of Office

Chief McQuillen recognized Firefighter Eric Littlefield and Firefighter Edward Sweeney who have successfully completed their 1-year probationary period. Chief did the honor of swearing them in and presenting their badges. Firefighter Littlefield's badge was pinned by Captain Kenneway and Firefighter Sweeney's badge was pinned by his mother.

Chief McQuillen also recognized Lieutenant Shane Anderson and Lieutenant Dame who have been promoted to Lieutenant. Chief did the honor of swearing them in and presenting their badges. Their badge was pinned by their wife.

VI. New Business:

Promotion of Lieutenant Duncan Regonini to Captain.

Motion, to approve the promotion of lieutenant Regonini to Captain, was made by Commissioner Matthes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamester and passed unanimously.

Chief McQuillen did the honor of swearing Captain Regonini in and presenting his badge. His badge was pinned by his wife.

VII. Unit Citation:

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Portsmouth Fire Department, a Unit Citation Award was presented to the Truck 2 Crew (Captain Seth C. Kenneway, Firefighter Adam C. LaMonica, and Firefighter Jonathan M. Gray) for their actions related to an incident on Friday August 22, 2025.

Without hesitation, jumping in, intervening, and preventing the subject from harming themselves and were able to get them definitive care. The outcome being a true testament of their professionalism.

VIII. Adjournment:

Prior to adjourning, Commissioner Matthes recognized Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe's upcoming retirement and thanked him for his many years of service and wished him well.

Motion, to adjourn at 1824 hours, was made by Commissioner Matthes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gamester and passed unanimously.


Jennifer Mosher-Matthes, Clerk