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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE MASTERS MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 1969

The following members were present:

Mr. W. T. Knight
Mr. Q. V. Williamson
Mr. Cecil Turner

Mr. Ralph Jenkins, Associate City Attorney, was present.

Messrs Sutherland, Weaver, Wilson and Mrs. Van Houten from the City Personnel Department were in attendance.

Mr. W. H. Hamer and Attorneys, Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Helms representing the Brothers Combined Social Club were present.

Reverend Samuel Williams, Mr. Nat Welch and a delegation of members of the Community Relations Committee were present.

Mr. Mike Wright of the Atlanta Journal, Mr. Art Schultz of W. S. B. Radio and many others from the news media and radio and TV were in attendance.

Members of the International Association of Fire Fighters Atlanta Local 134 were represented by President C. E. Ellis, Committee Members J. E. Whitley, J. G. McEver and J. L. Pennington.

Reverend Samuel Williamson presented to the Board a report, The Grievances of Black Firemen, from the Community Relations Commission. He apologized for the delay in presenting the report but due to the shortage of workers, it was impossible to prepare this report any earlier. Reverend Williamson touched on a few points in the report.

1. Hiring
2. Promotions
3. Personal Indignities
4. Assignment to Duties
5. Assignment to Stations
6. Firemen's Recreation Club
7. Grievance Procedures

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Mr. Knight explained to the Community Relations Committee that they would accept this report and evaluate it and pass the findings on to the new Board of Firemasters for 1970.

An Ordinance by Alderman Cecil Turner was presented and received an adverse decision.

Members of Local 134 presented a Resolution requesting that a position be created as Chaplain of the Atlanta Fire Department. This was taken under consideration by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williamson, that a Resolution be sent to the Board of Aldermen in regard to Reverend Bill Allison. Motion carried.

A motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Williamson, that the new Rules and Regulations be adopted after paragraph 4, section 21, was deleted in lieu of paragraph 4 of Rule Book of February 26, 1968 under Re-employment. Any member who is discharged, resigns or leaves the Department for any reason and is re-employed shall lose any house seniority he had as a result of his prior service. Also a change in Section 22, page 60, "Uniforms" . The hair will be short and neatly trimmed; the mustache (if worn) will be short and neatly trimmed. No beards will be permitted. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following assignments to regular positions:

C. G. Winn, #11	Effective	11/26/69
R. E. Franklin, #34	"	11/26/69
J. D. Rose, #9	"	11/28/69
M. D. Bozeman, #9	"	12/1/69
S. R. Jackson, #11	"	12/4/69
B. J. Haynes, #9	"	12/10/69
W. R. Wise, #16	"	12/10/69
H. H. Davis, #26	"	12/14/69
F. E. White, #1	"	12/15/69
J. A. Yancey, Jr., #33	"	12/15/69

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that these assignments be approved. Motion carried.

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The Board was informed of the following re-employed Firemen:

J. G. Ellis, #26	Effective	11/24/69
Leon Walker, #35	"	12/13/69

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that these re-employments be approved. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following personnel who have returned from Military Leave:

A. L. Smith, #6	Effective	11/25/69
H. P. Long, #1	"	11/26/69
T. E. Dean, #7	"	12/12/69

The Board concurred in the reinstatement of these men.

Request for Military Leave for the following men was made to the Board:

D. M. Roberts, #35	Effective	11/25/69
F. L. Streetman, #3	"	12/2/69
L. L. Gardner, #28	"	12/4/69

The Board concurred in the granting of these Military Leaves.

The Board was informed of the following re-employed probationary Firemen:

J. S. Martin, #27	Effective	12/15/69
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Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that this re-employment be approved. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following resignations:

D. A. Griffin, #27	Effective	11/22/69
J. J. Stanley, Jr., #11	"	11/23/69
M. L. Oliphant, #7	"	11/30/69
Ronald Smith, #1	"	12/4/69
Clarence Porter, Jr., #9	"	12/4/69
J. E. Jones, Custodial Worker	"	12/11/69

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that these resignations be accepted. Motion carried.

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The Board was informed of the following resignations while on Military Leave:

J. V. Harris, #29	Effective	11/28/69
T. W. Kent, #7, F. A. O.	"	12/15/69

The Board concurred on these resignations.

The Board was informed of the following man who was permitted to resign:

J. H. Colbert, #4	Effective	12/8/69
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The Board concurred on this resignation.

The Board was informed of the following men who were dismissed for failure to return to work following 90 days expiration for Military Service as required by Law:

R. L. Moore, #17	Effective	11/25/69
F. M. Whitehead, #8	"	11/25/69
Tommy Resmando, #27	"	11/25/69

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that these dismissals be accepted. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following dismissals:

M. W. Clark, #5	Effective	12/4/69
J. G. Ellis, #26	"	12/4/69

Motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Williamson, that these dismissals be approved. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following men who were on suspension:

R. A. Watson, #31, suspended 3 days, 12/1/69 through 12/3/69, for violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

M. T. Gaultney, Iv., #19, suspended one day, 12/4/69 through 12/5/69, for violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the action

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taken by the Chief be approved. Motion carried.

Sick leave extensions were requested for the following men:

C. F. McCravey, #27	12 calendar days	12/20/69 thru 12/31/69
Turner Pritchett, #35	10 calendar days	12/22/69 thru 12/31/69
W. T. Saunders, #12	19 calendar days	12/13/69 thru 12/31/69

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that these extensions be granted. Motion carried.

The Board was informed of the following service retirement:

J. E. Allen, #31	Effective	11/20/69
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The Board was informed of the following extension of Leave of Absence:

F. E. Stonecypher, Fire Investigator I, presently on Leave of Absence, be granted an additional 6 months. 6/11/70.

Motion by Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that this leave be granted. Motion carried.

Chief Williams expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of this Board of Firemasters for helping him with his problems as Chief of the Department.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Fire Masters held on November 24, 1969, are hereby amended as follows:

J. R. Sangster sick leave extension 35 calendar days and 24 work days, beginning November 26, 1969 through December 31, 1969.

Meeting Adjourned.