

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 14, 2020  
Public Safety Headquarters  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Gaithersburg, Maryland**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Hilary Miller, Chair (by phone)  
Anita Powell, Vice Chair (by phone)  
Commissioner Scott Emmons (by phone)  
Commissioner Robert Ford (by phone)  
Commissioner Michael Burns (by phone)  
Commissioner Ron Ogens (by phone)  
Commissioner Tony Coleman (by phone)

STAFF PRESENT

Fire Chief Scott Goldstein  
George Giebel, Staff Director

**100 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting of the Montgomery County Fire and Emergency Services Commission to order at 7:03 pm. The meeting was conducted by tele-conference through ZOOM telecommunications systems.

**101 – Report of the Commission Chair – No Report**

**102 – Approval of the FESC Commission minutes of March 12, 2020.**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Ford to approve the March 14, 2020, Commission minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner Emmons. The MOTION passed, unanimously.

**103 – Comments from Commissioners – Commissioner Powell made comments about COVID 19.**

**104 – Fire Chief's Report –**

The Fire Chief reported out on the current status of the Coronavirus and the actions taken by his department to address staffing issues during the pandemic. He answered questions from the Commissioners on COVID 19.

FY2021 budget – The Chief highlighted the “continuity of service” budget. He had proposed an additional 20 positions to the budget, but that proposal was denied by the Council due to budgetary concerns. The County Council is currently reviewing bargaining agreements for Local 1664 and MCVFRA.

The FESC Chairman, on behalf of the Commission and MCFRS, thanked the Fire Chief and his department for all they have done for the citizens of the County during COVID 19.

**200 - BUSINESS ITEMS** – No were no action items for consideration by the Commission.

**300 – ADJOURNMENT** - MOTION by Commissioner Ford, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Coleman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Hilary Miller*, 

Hilary Miller, Chair