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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – October 1, 2025

Meeting held at the Primex Facility in Concord.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Watkins at 0833 hours.

Members present: Chiefs Watkins, D. Chamberlain, Fraitzl Carrier, S. Buxton, J. Chamberlain, Sitar, Cotreau, Wheatley, Murray and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (D. Chamberlain/Buxton) to approve the September minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: A MOTION (Cotreau/Buxton) to approve the September financial reports carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: (Under new business)

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

We have a few FYIs for this week:

- **Veto Day** – In this week’s House calendar, the Speaker requested that members save **Wednesday, December 17, 2025** for Veto Day. The House will consider the 11 House bills Governor Ayotte vetoed during the session. The Senate calendar indicates that the Senate will hold their Veto session on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**. Governor Ayotte vetoed only 1 Senate bill. It was SB 213 which focused on electioneering by governmental employees. Several NHAFC members were concerned with the language. We will let you know if we hear more about the Senate veto session.
- **Legislative Calendar** – We have included an updated legislative calendar. We will be at the House Executive Departments and Administration work session next Wednesday and will provide an update on the bills relative to codes. Also, on 10/8, the House Commerce committee plans to work on HB 725. At a prior work session, Chairman John Hunt indicated that he may want to alter the

underlying bill to address issues in Cheshire County specific to the reimbursement for treat/no transport.

- **Newsclip** – After the legislative calendar, we have included an op-ed from State Senator Dan Innis. He is withdrawing from the Republican primary for US Senate and endorsing former Senator John E. Sununu.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION full committee work
10:00 session on [HB 244](#) - Updating and Recodifying The Municipal Enforcement Of The
AM Building and Fire Code; [SB 94](#) - Prohibiting Municipal Amendments to The State
Building Code in GP 231

Thursday, October 2, 2025

HOUSE FINANCE DIVISION I work session on [HB 164](#) - Relative to Local Records
1:00 Retention; [HB 197](#) - Relative to Payment By The State Of A Portion Of Retirement
PM System Contributions Of Political Subdivision Employers; [HB 216](#) - Relative to Workers'
Compensation and Creditable Service Towards Retirement in GP 230

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

11:00 HOUSE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS full committee work session on [HB](#)
AM [725](#) - Relative to Ground Ambulance Services in GP 229
1:20 HOUSE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION full committee work session on [HB 314](#) -
PM Prohibiting The Use Of Federal, State, or Local Funds For Lobbying Activities in GP 234

Friday, October 10, 2025

10:00 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
AM DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS - NH Fire Academy 98 Smokey Bear Blvd.,
Classroom 1 Concord, NH

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

HOUSE LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES full committee work
10:00 session on [HB 303](#) - Relative to Requiring The Department Of Labor Review and Adopt
AM Workers' Occupational Safety Requirements That Are Similar to Osha Standards in GP
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Wednesday, November 12, 2025

10:00 HOUSE JUDICIARY executive session on [HB 313](#) - Relative to Non-public Sessions At
AM Public Meetings Where Discussion In Public Would Likely Affect A Person's Reputation.

Report of the President: (Watkins)

1. PTSD Commission – He will attend the last meeting next week. At that time we'll see if the commission will be continued.

2. He attended the second meeting on single means of egress on the 23rd – They decided to defer any action at this point.
3. He cannot attend the NFPA summit in Quincy and offered the slot to anyone who could.
4. NEAFC – He will be attending the conference at Mohegan Sun.
5. FF Memorial last Saturday. He expressed gratitude to Chief Buxton for attending on his behalf.
6. Nick Mehuri of LRCC has requested a meeting with Chief Watkins on changes they wish to make to the certification process.
7. He will not make the next meeting on October 9.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The October 9 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA at 0900 with a seminar prior to the meeting in the auditorium on succession presented by Chief Tony Stowers.
- The November 13 meeting will be virtual.
- The December 11 meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Nashua Country Club.
- The January 8, 2026 meeting will be virtual.
- The February 12 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast and seminar.
- Commissioner Quinn was due to receive a commendation from Governor Ayotte at the G & C meeting this morning for his 40 years of service to NH. The Assn. will send a letter of congratulations.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$23,565.50 ; Vendor: \$16,495.50; Assn: \$7,069.50.

1st Vice President's Report (LaRoche) – No report

2nd Vice President's Report – (D. Chamberlain) – No report

Sgt. At Arms Report – (Fraitzl) – No report

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- He reported that they are concerned about low registration this year for the conference. The competing conference has impacted the attendance. Register by Tuesday, October 7 for reduced costs.
- He is retiring on December 28 and will be running for the NE Chiefs Secretary/Treasurer position in October. He will vacate his Director position next year.
- The division has been awarded a SAFER grant for recruitment/retention, PPE, etc. Departments must meet eligibility requirements (ie belong to the NEDIAFC).
- He asked that when we budget for 2026-27, we include funds for a new Association management system.

New Business –

- Chief Frank Fraitzl – letter to Federal delegation regarding apparatus build wait times. A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Sitar) to support by co-signing, carried unanimously.
- Request from Chief Emanuel to award Life Membership to Asst. Chief Randall Trull of Durham, who is retiring October 1. (He qualifies). A MOTION (Fraitzl/Watkins) to award him Life Membership, carried unanimously.
- Contract renewal/signatures for Grimblas Associates. Chief Watkins signed it.
- Chief Fraitzl mentioned that they had an ACEPS meeting and wondered if we had a representative slot. ED Lemire will check with Director Buxton.

Old Business –

- ED Lemire – request to name members to the Scholarship Committee to work on refining criteria and increasing amounts. He volunteered to serve, as did Chief David Chamberlain.

Good and Welfare –

- Chief Buxton shared information on the unified command process used during the recent shooting at the country club in Nashua.
- He also shared that his Dep. Glenn Telgen has been diagnosed with a serious illness.

Motion to adjourn carried at 0933 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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