

Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes, 1890-1896

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Board of Fire Commissioners
Title	Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes
Dates	1890-1896 (inclusive) 1890 1896
Quantity	1 volume
Collection Number	2800-01
Summary	Proceedings of Board of Fire Commissioners meetings, 1890-1896.
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Historical Note

A Board of Fire Commissioners, consisting of the mayor and four elected fire commissioners who served four-year terms, was established by the 1890 Seattle City Charter. The Board created rules and regulations for the Fire Department, enforced penalties for rules violations, and appointed the Fire Chief. The Chief then appointed all subordinate officers of the Department. The Board had the power to terminate the Fire Chief or any subordinate employee.

Further responsibilities of the Board included making reports to the City Council regarding the operations of the Department, including statistics on the number of alarms responded to, fire damages, and the expenses of the Department.

The Board was abolished with passage of a new City Charter in 1896.

Content Description

Minutes of the Board of Fire Commissioners, 1890-1896, report proceedings of Board meetings. Included are resolutions and policy decisions made by the Board and appointments for such positions

as Chief of the Fire Department, Superintendent of Fire Alarms, Chemical Engineer, and fire fighters. Board actions taken in dealing with Fire Department employees, including applications for positions as well as resignations and disciplinary actions, are also discussed. An alphabetical index at the front of the volume lists the names of persons mentioned in the minutes as well as topics of interest.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Fire chiefs--Selection and appointment--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fire fighters--Dismissal of--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fire fighters--Selection and appointment--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fire fighters--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fire departments--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Board of Fire Commissioners
Seattle (Wash.). Fire Dept.

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Form or Genre Terms :

Minutes

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