

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Bunko called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on June 27, 2018, to order at 6:03 p.m. Commissioners Bunko, Robertson and Moise were present. Vice Chairperson Baker and Commissioner Kanute were absent.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: by Robertson, seconded by Moise, to appoint Richard Butler as the fire chief. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Bunko read the following statement from the Board of Fire Commissioners:

"The Southington Board of Fire Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard D. Butler of Annapolis, MD, to the position of Fire Chief of the Town of Southington.

Mr. Butler first became involved in the fire service on a voluntary basis, and was hired by the Annapolis Fire Department where he was most recently employed. His positions were Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and most recently Battalion Commander.

He has led, directed, supported and supervised staff across three stations with full-time personnel and volunteers. He has direct experience in strategic planning, developing and managing budgets, training, EMS, Special Operations, HAZMAT incidents, water rescues, mass casualty incidents, vehicle rescues, code enforcement, RIT, technical rescue operations and Homeland Security. He served as an appointed member of the Maryland Emergency Response Commission.

He has also taught firefighting, management, rescue, EMS and hazardous materials at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

Mr. Butler holds an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University, and is currently enrolled in a Master's Degree program in Emergency Management and Fire Service there as well."

Commissioners Robertson and Moise stated their approval of the candidate and the process.

MOTION: by Moise, seconded by Robertson, to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Michael Bunko, Chairperson
Board of Fire Commissioners