



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES February 24, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman (absent)
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Phil Van Itallie
Comm. Sean Jackson

Chief:	Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief:	Eric Philipp
Director of EMS:	David Violante
District Secretary:	Renee O'Neill
Treasurer:	James Passikoff
Chaplin:	Jeff Koenig

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 6:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Chairman Dore turned the meeting over to Chief Kangas who presided over a ceremony for the recently promoted Lieutenants – Thomas Andryshak, Hunter Rogers, Michael McNamee and Ryan Fincham. Each individual was called upon and were pinned by Chief Kangas or a member of their family. Chaplin Koenig offered a prayer to the newly promoted Officers and the members of the District. The ceremony ended at 6:10 p.m. and Chief Kangas offered family members an opportunity to take photographs.

The Board meeting resumed at 6:21 p.m.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted.*
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted.*
3. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve Abstract 25–2B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$436,701.76 in unpaid bills with a total of 39 checks for a grand total of \$436,701.76, totaling 39 checks. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 25–2B–VRRC (Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator). This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$420.00 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$420.00, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. January 27, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Chairman Dore reported that this will be tabled until we have a quorum. Comm. Dore and Comm. Valdez were absent for this meeting.

B. February 10, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*

A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson

1. Received February 7, 2025 from Arrow Bank – “Investment Update”.

2. Received from Arrow Bank, the January 2025 LOSAP statement.

B. District Inspections – Comm. Dore & Comm. Jackson

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Dore

E. Public Relations – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Jackson

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie

H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Jackson

I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson

1. New applicant ready for Board consideration: Sarah Nicolaescu, Company 5, Firefighter.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept Sarah Nicolaescu, Company 5, Firefighter. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Jackson
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie
- Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted.*

7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*

8. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

9. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted.*

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

- 1. Probationary Firefighters currently in training are progressing.
- 2. Lieutenants out in the field soon.
- 3. Last two weeks, we had two code saves – one was led by a Probationary Firefighter and the other one was today. The equipment and the training is doing its work. The LUCAS device is a very successful piece of equipment, and we were awarded a grant for another LUCAS device.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

- 1. Echoed what Chief Kangas said and the guys are doing a great job and keep it up.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

- 1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's November 2024 and December 2024 Preliminary Financial Reports for the District.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners authorized the Chief to approve in advance, school requests that are located inside or outside of Dutchess County and is either contractually required or required to maintain a certification or does not exceed \$100.00.

For Commissioners notification purposes only:

- A. Timothy Gioia: “ACLS–EP”, February 18, 2025 at AFD St. 3. (No cost, 10 hours District time)

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

There were no school requests submitted for Board of Fire Commissioners consideration.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Kangas – Two (2) items for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
- B. Director of EMS David Violante – One (1) item for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

With no further open business to discuss, Comm. Valdez made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

With no further business to conduct, Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

NOTE: This sheet will be attached to the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting minutes as part of the official record. If you agree to have your name as part of the official record and published on our website, please legibly print your name below. Thank you.

DATE OF MEETING: 2-24-25
