



# Arlington Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2025

### ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: Adam Kangas  
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp  
Director of EMS: David Violante – (excused)  
District Secretary: Renee O’Neill  
Treasurer: James Passikoff

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.

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 25–4B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$522,579.32 in unpaid bills with a total of 46 checks for a grand total of \$522,579.32, totaling 46 checks. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. April 7, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the April 7, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Dore abstained)

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

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

1. Received Engine Co. #1, Red Oaks Mill Fire Company, Rochdale Fire Company and Croft Corners Fire Company's 2024 "Posting of 2024 Service Awards Points" certification.
2. Received from Arrow Bank – "Investment Presentation 11/01/2019 – 03/31/2025".
3. Comm. Valdez reported that the tariffs implemented by the Trump administration has had a significant spike in market volatility. Our portfolio is set up as a strategic model to take into consideration these periods of volatility. The model is set for a business cycle of 10 to 12 years. Has been in contact with Arrow Bank to get more information and will keep the Board updated as time progresses.
4. Comm. Chiumento recommended paying the LOSAP contribution early instead of later in the year in the budgeted amount of \$75,000. Comm. Valdez agreed.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to put our \$75,000 that is budgeted for the Service Awards Program for the year and make that our contribution for the year and send it out now. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

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*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Estate of Winifred Tuttle (requests it to be used for any equipment or food)	In Memory of Winifred Tuttle	\$500.00

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to accept the donation. (and it be used for any equipment or food as requested). Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Rochdale update – negotiations are ongoing with the District acquiring the firehouse. Everything is in the Attorney’s hands. As soon as he has a formal proposal, he will make sure the Board has it.
2. Hiring update – thanked the Board members who participated in the interview of a transfer Firefighter/Paramedic that we are still vetting. The candidate is in the background phase.
3. Seagrave update – two engines are nearing completion in the next month and a half. The final inspection is slated for the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Original permissive referendum was for \$1.8 million. Received final cost of \$1,943,330 million. Will need another permissive referendum to clean up the balance for \$150K to come out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

Comm. Dore read the following:

On January 24, 2022, the Board of Fire Commissioners adopted a permissive referendum for \$1,800,000 for the purchase of two Seagrave pumpers to be funded out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

Today, April 21, 2025, due to production delays and price increases, which have been negotiated with Seagrave, the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is required to make an

amendment to the January 24, 2022 permissive referendum to cover the additional costs of a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, which shall be funded out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

This permissive referendum is subject to thirty (30) days.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. Finance Committee meeting tomorrow to prepare for the next budget cycle.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. The Fire Prevention detail at the Poughkeepsie Plaza last Sunday that the Board approved went well and was well attended. Thanked the Board on behalf of the Poughkeepsie Plaza.
2. Working with the members about attending the Town's Community Day at Bowdoin Park that the Board also approved.

C. Director of EMS David Violante – (excused)

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's March 31, 2025 Financial Report for the District.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted for notifications purposes only.

**The following school request requires consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:**

- A. David Violante: "NYS Vital Signs EMS Conference", November 11 – 15, 2025 in Syracuse, NY. (No registration cost, \$1,086.75 lodging, \$250 meals (per diem rate), requesting use of District vehicle, 14 hours own time, 32 hours District time – no backfill)

Comm. Valdez made a motion to approve David Violante going to the NYS Vital Signs EMS Conference in Syracuse, NY. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. One (1) item for discussion regarding the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. (Building)
2. One (1) item for discussion regarding the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. (Apparatus)
3. One (1) item for the employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person. (New hire)

With no further open business to discuss, Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:54 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. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill  
District Secretary



## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

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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.

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DATE OF MEETING: 4-21-25
