



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES June 23, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

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

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' emergency meeting at 2:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Dore stated that the meeting was called to order for the purpose of considering two resolutions that are time sensitive.

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. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
 - A. Resolution – FOIL appeal

Chairman Dore read the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District grants the Freedom of Information Law Appeal filed by Joseph Zeitler, dated June 12, 2025, but only to the extent set forth in a letter explaining the reasons for this determination, and further authorizes the Vice Chairman of the Board to sign such letter.

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

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

B. Resolution – Uniform Bids

Chairman Dore read the following:

RESOLUTION REJECTION AND READVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR UNIFORMS

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2025, the Arlington Fire District (the “District”) advertised bid specifications and general requirements for uniforms; and

WHEREAS, the District received competitive bids for uniforms, which were publicly opened and read on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District has sole discretion to reject any and all bids and to advertise for new proposals if in its opinion the best interest of the District will thereby be promoted; and

WHEREAS, upon review and analysis, the Fire Chief has determined that the submitted bids do not meet the District’s needs and recommends rejection of all bids and a readvertisement with revised specifications that better categorize uniform items for improved fiscal management:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District hereby rejects all bids received in response to the uniform bid solicitation issued on April 23, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District’s Fire Chief to revise the bid specifications as needed and to issue a new advertisement for bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all prior bidders shall be notified of the rejection and the intent to readvertise the bid specifications and general requirements for uniforms.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary

NOT YET APPROVED



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: 6-23-25
