



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman – (absent)
Comm. Peter Valdez – (absent)
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

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 APPROVALS**
Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve Abstract 25–6B. This consists of \$6,885.25 in paid bills with a total of 4 checks and \$154,875.90 in unpaid bills with a total of 35 checks for a grand total of \$161,761.15, totaling 39 checks. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

Abstract 25–6B–Croft will be tabled until the next meeting because there was not enough Commissioners in attendance that could vote on it since Comm. Jackson would be abstaining.

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
A. June 2, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0
5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*
A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
1. Received from Arrow Bank
A. May 2025 LOSAP Statement
B. Investment Presentation – 11/01/19 – 05/31/25

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*
9. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted.*
10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**
A. Chief Adam Kangas
1. Maternity / Paternity Policy
Tabled until the next meeting when there is a full Board in attendance.

2. Rochdale update: Their attorney has drawn up a petition to the State Attorney General regarding the terms of sale.
3. Certificate of Eligibles received for FF/Paramedic. Interviews are scheduled for Monday, the 23rd. There is a total of eight (8) candidates. Any candidate must pass the agility test before they can be appointed. Working on a date for that.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Awards Ceremony was held and went well. Thanked everyone who was involved in it.
2. Medical Director, Dr. Gary Neifeld is retiring after 15 years. New Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Falice will be coming in and will be working with him on paperwork, etc.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's May 31, 2025 Financial Report for the District.
2. Received the engagement letter for 2023 for the audit. Chairman Dore signed it, and it was sent back to PKF O'Connor Davies.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session.

Chairman Dore stated that the next Board of Fire Commissioners meeting scheduled for Monday, July 7th has been canceled. The next meeting will be on the 21st.

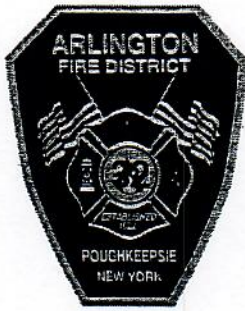
With no further business to conduct, Comm. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary



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: 6-16-25
