



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

Chief: Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp – (absent)
Director of EMS: David Violante – (absent)
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. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 25–8B–Croft Corners. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,049.10 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,049.10 totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

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

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Abstract 25–8B. This consists of \$33,151.05 in paid bills with a total of 5 checks and \$532,731.97 in unpaid bills with a total of 38 checks for a grand total of \$565,883.02, totaling 43 checks. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. August 4, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Chairman Dore recommended to table this because Comm. Dore and Comm. Jackson were absent from that meeting and would not have a quorum to vote for it.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Received from Arrow Bank – July 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

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.*

A. Letter dated August 5, 2025 from career FF Daniel Burke resigning from his position effective September 2, 2025.

No action required.

- B. E-mail dated August 13, 2025 from the Poughkeepsie Plaza requesting AFD participation in their Fall Event on September 28th from 12pm to 2pm. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp will get volunteers to assist and be the Officer in Charge.

Comm. Chimento made a motion that we participate in the Poughkeepsie Plaza event so long we can staff it with volunteers. Seconded by Comm. Jackson

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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. Seagraves update: in the next week or two, arrival within AFD. Currently being upfitted and then it will go to the Shop for customization for Paramedic gear.
2. Rochdale was obtained by the District on August 12, 2025. It was no cost aside from the legal fees. Plans on what needs to be addressed will be in the near future. Discussed with Treasurer Passikoff and would like to purchase a lawn mower, a leaf blower and a weed whacker from the permissive referendum – total is under \$5K and all are on state bid.

Discussion regarding the permissive referendum that was originally issued. The Board said its not part of the original permissive referendum which was for the purchase of the building itself. These are maintenance items. The Board ok'd the purchases, just needs to be in the correct budget line, "Rochdale Building Maintenance".

3. Update on Mechanic positions: interviewed two candidates and has two more to do. Will report back to the Board.
4. Arlington Street Fair is September 20th; last year over 1,000 people attended, and we responded to two emergencies at the event while participating. Requesting career staff with up to 40 hours overtime and volunteers to staff the Street Fair.

Comm. Valdez made a motion to approve up to 40 hours of overtime for the Arlington Street Fair on September 20th. Seconded by Comm. Chimento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

5. This Friday, Vassar College is having a Fire Prevention detail for the incoming RA's and leadership teams. Will be utilizing 32-45

and Assistant Chief Philipp was asked to get volunteers to assist. Vassar College will be reimbursing us for labor costs.

6. The Memorandum of Agreement for Lt. Gene DelliPaoli is being tabled for further discussion.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to table the MOA. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

7. Also being tabled - detailing an Officer to Fire Prevention for the month of October to help BC Mills with school visits for Fire Prevention month. This will also help the Officer to learn the process and for succession purposes. In addition, we will also reduce overtime costs because last year we had three members to assist and will be just two members this year.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – (absent)

C. Director of EMS David Violante – (absent)

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's July 31, 2025 Financial Report for the District.
2. Pulled the Rochdale voucher because the full months' rent needs to be adjusted from the closing date of the 12th.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Comm. Valdez – 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.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:42 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, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 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: 8-18-25

Adam Goldfish	