



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES December 15, 2025

ATTENDEES:

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

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

Vice Chairman Chiumento 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 25–12B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$130,609.08 in unpaid bills with a total of 46 checks for a grand total of \$130,609.08, totaling 46 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. December 1, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
Comm. Valdez was absent. No action taken. Postponed until next meeting.

5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*
 - A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
 - 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.*
 - A. Received November 18, 2025, Richard C. Dore's petition to be added to the ballot for the Commissioner Election to be held on December 9th.
 - B. Received the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes. (held on December 4, 2025)
 - C. Received the results of the Fire Commissioner Election held on December 9, 2025.
 - D. Received the 2026 Officers for Croft Corners Fire Company.

7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
 - A. Gavin Kerr, volunteer member of Croft Corners Fire Company – his military leave expired on December 13, 2025. (he returned all his gear prior to going out on military leave back in 2021; needs to be dropped from the roles)

Comm. Jackson made a motion to drop Gavin Kerr from the roles. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 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. Requesting transfer of up to \$133K out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for the following:
\$39K for Captain Erin Halon’s sick time buyout; contractual
\$22K for Lt. Donald Robison’s sick time buyout; contractual.
\$72K retired Lt. Jim Minunni’s retro payment for disability retirement.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve up to \$133K out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for multiple members payout as stated by the Chief. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Pleasure working with the Board this past year and looks forward to working together next year; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. New volunteer application ready for Board approval: Brandon Butcko, Company 5, FF.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
District Secretary



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DATE OF MEETING: 12-15-25

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