



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA February 9, 2026

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
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY** – Six new Firefighters
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Board insists on decorum and common courtesy**
The public may comment on any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Each speaker may speak for up to three (3) minutes and no time may be transferred to another party. Please do not expect the Board to answer any questions or make comments during this time. If the Board chooses to answer questions, they will do so during the "Comments from the Board" section of the meeting.

7. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

8. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A. Approval of Abstract 26-1B-Croft.

Motion to approve Abstract 26-1B-Croft. This consists of \$ _____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$ _____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$ _____, totaling _____ checks.

B. Approval of Abstract 26-2A.

Motion to approve Abstract 26-2A. This consists of \$ _____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$ _____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$ _____, totaling _____ checks.

9. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

A. January 5, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Organizational Meeting. (*Comm. Dore was absent*)

B. January 5, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (*Comm. Dore was absent*)

C. January 29, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Emergency Meeting. (*Comm. Valdez and Comm. Van Itallie were absent*)

10. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Volunteer membership applications ready for Board approval:
 - A. Shawn Gale, Company 5, Firefighter
 - B. Deepak Vashisht, Company 5, Firefighter

L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez

M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Valdez

N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Jackson

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie

P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted*
A. Received the 2023 Independent Financial Audit from PFK O'Connor Davies.

12. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

13. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*
A. George Savvides In Memory of Anne Fidanza \$30.00

14. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

15. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Request to transfer up to \$239,000 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for the following:
 - A. Richard Muellerleile – up to \$90K for accrued benefit time
 - B. Joseph Moore – up to \$60K for accrued benefit time
 - C. Justin Carlon – up to \$89K for accrued benefit time
2. Memorandum of Agreement regarding Steven Haldeman
3. Memorandum of Agreement regarding changes to Article #41 – Fire Equipment Mechanic Training
4. FFE Extrication Class discussion from last meeting
5. FEMA Plans Class – March 3 – 6, 2026 hosted by NYS
6. Approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved by the Board at the meeting held on January 29, 2026, item #5 under Chief Kangas regarding of the hiring of the following Firefighter candidates, is hereby modified as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the following Firefighters are appointed in the order, with their start date, denoted below:

Steven Halderman – February 18, 2026
William Lacovara – February 18, 2026
Zachary Jones – February 19, 2026
David McPartland – March 11, 2026
Owen Murray – March 11, 2026
Alex Silverio – March 11, 2026

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

- C. Director of EMS David Violante
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff
 - 1. If received, Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Financial Report for the District.

16. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**
The Board of Fire Commissioners authorized the Chief to approve in advance, school requests that are located inside or outside of Dutchess County and is either contractually required or required to maintain a certification or does not exceed \$100.00.

For Commissioners notification purposes only:

- A. Luke Lyons: "2025 Incident Reporting NERI", February 9, 2026 at DC Training Center. (No costs, not requesting use of District vehicle, 4 hours own time)
- B. "Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations", February 26 – May 28, 2026 at New Hackensack FD. (No cost)
 - 1. Sarah Nicolaescu
 - 2. Deonte Frazer
 - 3. Noah Ryley

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:
There were no school requests submitted to be considered by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
A. Chief Kangas – (2) items as it relates to contractual issues.

18. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**
A. Open items for approval and/or discussion as a result of Executive Session.
B. Any other business that may come to the Board for consideration.

19. **ADJOURN MEETING**