



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA March 2, 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. **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.
6. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

7. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Abstract 26–3A.

Motion to approve Abstract 26–3A. 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.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. February 9, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.
B. February 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting.

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
1. Received from Arrow Bank:
A. “Investment Presentation” through 01/31/26
B. January 2026 LOSAP account 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
1. Volunteer application ready for Board consideration:
A. Ian Costello, Company 5, FF
- 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

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted*

- A. Received “*Fire District Affairs: February – March 2026*”.
B. Received the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

11. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*
 - A. Letter dated February 12, 2026 from Cory Dubetsky resigning as a career Firefighter/EMT effective March 9, 2026.

12. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**
 - A. Chief Adam Kangas
 1. Request to move the next Board meeting scheduled for March 16th to Red Oaks Mill for the promotions ceremony.

 - 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.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Chief Adam Kangas – Grievance update

17. **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.

18. **ADJOURN MEETING**