



# Arlington Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES April 20, 2026

### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman – (absent)  
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 – (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. Jackson made a motion to approve Abstract 26–4B. This consists of \$200.00 in paid bills with a total of 1 check and \$182,903.92 in unpaid bills with a total of 35 checks for a grand total of \$183,103.92, totaling 36 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
- A. February 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting  
This is tabled until a quorum is present to vote. Comm. Jackson and Comm. Van Itallie were absent for this meeting.
- B. March 2, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting  
Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.
- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Van Itallie abstained)
- C. April 6, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting  
Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.
- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Chiumento abstained)
5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*
- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
1. Received from Arrow Bank:
- A. March 2026 LOSAP Account Statement
- B. Investment Presentation through March 31, 2026
- 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. Jackson
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *None unless otherwise noted.*
7. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*

8.	<b><u>DONATIONS</u></b> – <i>None unless otherwise noted</i>		
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Kelly Ehrhart	Assistance Received	\$200.00

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to accept the donation and put it into the General Fund.  
 Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

9. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted.*

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. LaGrange FD is hosting an Emergency Boat Operator course which is in conjunction with the Swift Water Technicians. There is one spot open and cost is covered by the grant, so no cost to the District. Requesting FF Dragonetti to attend.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

2. Potential transfer of a FF/Paramedic from LaGrange Fire District who expressed interest in transferring to AFD. We have one or two leaving at the end of the year so this would not be adding, it would be replacing. He was interviewed and the interviewers are recommending appointment with a date to be determined by the Chief of the Department and contingent upon successful background investigation and physical. (Chris Brinson)

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Finished BLS Airway training. State program which was implemented. All the gear is in place. Need to reach out to a couple of the Volunteers who are EMT's to see if they are interested and will provide training if they are.
2. We have to go through with getting a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) registration. (Will be able purchase drugs directly from

vendors vs. going through the hospital, which will be a significant reduction in cost).

3. FEMA online training is back up and running. Will reach out to Lisa for the new volunteers who need to get it done.
4. New regulations for EMS equipment and materials - all set in place which will take effect tomorrow.
5. Strategic Planning – will get that back on track and will report back to the BOFC.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There are 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, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill  
District Secretary



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

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DATE OF MEETING: 4-20-26
