



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA May 4, 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 26–5A.

Motion to approve Abstract 26–5A. 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 26–5A–Croft.

Motion to approve Abstract 26–5A–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.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. February 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Special Meeting
This has been tabled until a quorum is present to vote. (*Comm. Jackson and Comm. Van Itallie were absent*)
- B. April 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting (*Comm. Dore was absent*)

9. **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
- 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

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

- A. Received the March 24, 2026 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.
- B. Received “*Fire District Affairs: April – May 2026*”.

11. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*
- A. Letter dated April 29, 2026 from Cristopher Diaz resigning as a Firefighter/Paramedic effective May 5, 2026.
 - B. Letter dated April 30, 2026 from Robert Greenlese resigning as a Fire Equipment Mechanic effective May 15, 2026.
12. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*
13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**
14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**
- A. Chief Adam Kangas
 - 1. Requests the Board to authorize a transfer not to exceed \$57,000 out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for Cristopher Diaz’s accrued benefit time payout.
 - B. Requests the Board to approve the MOA regarding the resignation/reinstatement of James Rogers to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with a date to be determined by the Chief of the Department, contingent upon his background check and physical.
 - C. Requests the Board to approve the MOA for FF Jason Fisch regarding retirement.
 - B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp
 - C. Director of EMS David Violante
 - 1. DOH Inspection
 - D. Treasurer James Passikoff
 - 1. If received, Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s Financial Report for the District.
15. **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. Shawn Gale: “Daytime Firefighter I”, June 25 – August 7, 2026 at Dutchess County. (No cost)

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

There were no school requests submitted for Board consideration.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There are no items for Executive Session.

17. **ADJOURN MEETING**