



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES May 4, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman – (absent)
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)

Chairman Dore 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. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 26–5A. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$62,591.91 in unpaid bills with a total of 21 checks for a grand total of \$62,591.91, totaling 21 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 26–5A–Croft. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,782.34 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,782.34, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Dore abstained)

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. Chimento & Comm. Dore
- D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Dore
- E. Public Relations – Comm. Chimento & 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. Chimento & Comm. Dore
- J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Chimento & 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. Chimento & 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.*

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*”.

7. **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.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

- B. Letter dated April 30, 2026 from Robert Greenlese resigning as Fire Equipment Mechanic effective May 15, 2026.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 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. Requests the Board to authorize a transfer not to exceed \$57,000 out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund in reference to Cris Diaz’s resignation and contractual payout of his benefit time.

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

2. 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.

Chairman Dore read the MOA.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve the MOA. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve the appointment of James Rogers to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic contingent upon successful completion of his background investigation and physical, at a date to be determined by the Chief of the Department, and the MOA. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

3. Requests the Board to approve the MOA for FF Jason Fisch regarding retirement.

Chairman Dore read the MOA.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Wanted to recognize International Firefighters Day today.
2. Town of Poughkeepsie Community Day was held yesterday at Greenvale Park. The District participated and it was well received by the public.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. NYS EMS Memorial is May 19th in Albany, and he will be representing Arlington.
2. EMS Week is coming up. Looks forward to celebrating with our members.
3. NYS DOH Inspection scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 27th at HQ.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)

11. **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.

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. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

NOTE: This sheet will be attached to the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting minutes as part of the official record. If you agree to have your name as part of the official record and published on our website, please legibly print your name below. Thank you.

DATE OF MEETING: 5/4/26
