



# Arlington Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2026

### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman  
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman  
Comm. Peter Valdez – (absent)  
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. Jackson made a motion to approve Abstract 26–6B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$958,830.06 in unpaid bills with a total of 32 checks for a grand total of \$958,830.06, totaling 32 checks. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. June 1, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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. 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

1. Comm. Chiumento reported that he reviewed the year end December 31, 2025 Financial report and in 2024 we had a \$500,000 fund balance. For 2025, we had a \$1.9 million fund balance. He evaluated the numbers and interest revenue exceeded budget by \$163K, insurance recoveries exceeded by \$173K, overtime came under budget by \$594K, police and fire retirement came in at \$233K and medical came in at \$642K.

He also reviewed the April 30, 2026 Financial Statement and the Capital Reserve accounts are fairly up to date. The uniform salaries and medical lines are higher due to the eight new employees, but it will be offset (not 100%) by the SAFER grant we received. Heather has put in a lot of time and effort with our Workers Comp carrier, and it went from \$995K to \$860K.

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

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

- A. Update from last meeting: Credit Card change – authorization to update the credit card holders with M & T Bank with a total of \$35K line of credit: (decreasing line of credit for Heather Hastie and Jennifer Loucks by \$500 each and adding James Passikoff with \$1K)
1. Adam Kangas – \$8K
  2. Heather Hastie – \$6,500
  3. David Grundon – \$7K
  4. Jennifer Loucks – \$9,500
  5. David Violante – \$3K
  6. James Passikoff – \$1K

Comm. Jackson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento:

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief Adam Kangas
1. The financial standing in the District is a lot better because everyone is working together with managing the finances. Budget meetings are held earlier, and the Department Heads are doing a great job. We are also identifying grants and going after them and also identifying needs vs. wants.
  2. Permissive Referendum in the amount not to exceed \$46K out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of Motorola APX 8500 radios, which is part of a four (4) year radio replacement plan.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion that we go to permissive referendum in the amount not to exceed \$46K for APX radios out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

3. Update on Rochdale: Part of the million dollar grant we received from the government to improve Station 4, we need to get a site survey, have to assess the septic system and do an environmental review. This will be done to be in compliance with the grant. At this time, requesting a permissive referendum in the amount not to exceed \$15K to replace the generator, to come out of the Capital Improvement Fund. This will replace the one that is no longer functioning properly and was given to us from Caldor many years ago.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve a permissive referendum in the amount not to exceed \$15K out of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the purchase of a generator for Station 4. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0
  
- B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.
  
- C. Director of EMS David Violante – No report.
  
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff – (absent)
  - 1. Chairman Dore acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Final December 31, 2025 Financial Report for the District and the April 30, 2026 Financial Report for the District.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted for Commissioners notification purposes only.

**The following school request requires consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:**

- A. David Violante: “Pre-Hospital Care Research Forum”, June 23 – 25, 2026 at Borough of Manhattan CC. (No registration cost, not requesting use of District vehicle, meals per diem rate, \$80.75 for train/subway/parking)

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There are no items for Executive Session.

With no further business to conduct, Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill  
District Secretary



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

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DATE OF MEETING: 6-15-26

DAVID H. WEXNER	