



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES June 1, 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

Chairman Dore opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 6:04 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Chairman Dore turned the meeting over to Chief Kangas who presented the Board of Fire Commissioners with newly hired Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Brinson and Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic James Rogers. Chief Kangas administered the Oath of Office, issued them with their badges and welcomed them to the Arlington Fire District.

The Board provided some time for family and friends to take pictures and then resumed their meeting.

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 26–6A. This consists of \$1,363,385.49 in paid bills with a total of 2 checks and \$228,964.69 in unpaid bills with a total of 46 checks for a grand total of \$1,592,350.18, totaling 48 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 26–6A–Croft. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,473.44 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,473.44, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Jackson abstained)

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. February 20, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0 – 2 (Comm. Jackson and Comm. Van Itallie abstained)

B. May 4, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners’ Meeting

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Chiumento abstained)

5. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*

A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson

1. Received Croft Corners Fire Company’s 2025 LOSAP posting certification.

2. BOFC to waive the 2025 LOSAP posting certification for Engine Co. #1 and Rochdale Fire Company.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

3. BOFC to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter releasing the 2025 LOSAP points and service credit to Firefly to process.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. Received from Arrow Bank:
 - A. "Investment Presentation" through April 30, 2026.
 - B. LOSAP Statement for April 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
 1. Two applicants ready for Board approval:
 - A. Jacqueline Handy, Company 5 EMS/FP
 - B. Julia Freer, Company 5 FF

Comm. Jackson made a motion to accept Jacqueline Handy, EMS/Fire Police and Julia Freer, FF to Company 5. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

- 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.*
 - A. Received the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes of the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

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. Renewal of the preventative maintenance and service agreement with Redemption Mechanical for HQ, ROM and Rochdale in the amount of \$21,325.00 for one year.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

- B. Credit Card change – authorization to update the credit card holders with M & T Bank with a total of \$35K line of credit:
1. Adam Kangas – \$8K
 2. Heather Hastie – \$7K
 3. David Grundon – \$7K
 4. Jennifer Loucks – \$10K
 5. David Violante – \$3K

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Dore abstained)

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Requests the Board to authorize a transfer not to exceed \$45K out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for Jason Fisch's accrued benefit time payout. He has retired.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

2. Appoint at a date TBD by the Chief of Department contingent upon successful completion of background investigation and medical clearance (physical):

1. Louis Tambini – Firefighter/Paramedic
(Resignation/Reinstatement transfer)
2. Adam Patsey – Fire Equipment Mechanic
3. Ryan Mills – Fire Equipment Mechanic
4. John Johnson – Fire Equipment Mechanic

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

3. Permissive referendum to transfer not more than \$23,000 from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of KEY TRU-ID 2.25" hose. This is for replacement, not in addition to.

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

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. In process of "spec'ing" out a ladder truck to replace the current 32-46. Build out take 3 – 4 years; funding would come from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

5. Permissive referendum to transfer not to exceed \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the mechanicals (A/C units, oil tank replacement, etc.) that need addressing at Station 4.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve the permissive referendum for \$25K out of the Capital Reserve to be used on Rochdale for the A/C and oil tank. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

6. Authorize an RFP for an architect to review and provide recommendations on what needs to be done at Station 4.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to put together an RFP for an architect to start to design what needs to be done at Station 4. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Department of Health inspection went well, and we passed with flying colors. They inspected everything – documentation, gear, logbooks, etc. Thanked everyone for a job well done.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

11. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

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. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on June 1, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Arlington Fire District (“District”) the Board of Fire Commissioners (“Board”), Dutchess County, New York, duly adopted a resolution, subject to the District’s Procurement Policy; the State of New York General Municipal Law Section 103; the General Municipal Law Section 6-g; and subject to a permissive referendum, an abstract of which is as follows:

The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby authorizes the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from the District’s Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to be used for the mechanicals that need to be addressed at Rochdale Fire Company.

Said Resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, unless within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution, there shall be filed with the Secretary of the Arlington Fire District, a petition signed and acknowledged by the electors of the Arlington Fire District in the form and content as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 6-g and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Arlington Fire District qualified to vote at an annual election of Fire District Officers.

A complete copy of the Resolution and Minutes noted above is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Arlington Fire District Secretary, located at the Arlington Fire District, 11 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Dated: June 2, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT.

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