



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES July 6, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Phil Van Itallie
Comm. Sean Jackson – (absent)

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 6:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

1. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Chief Kangas administered the Oath of Office to Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Louis Tambini and Fire Equipment Mechanics, Adam Patsey, Ryan Mills and John Johnson. He congratulated them all, issued their shields and welcomed them to the Arlington Fire District.

The Board allowed time for family and friends that were in attendance to take photographs.

The Board resumed their meeting at 6:14 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted.*

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** – *No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted.*

4. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 26–7A. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$87,144.02 in unpaid bills with a total of 32 checks for a grand total of \$87,144.02, totaling 32 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve Abstract 26–7A–Croft. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$5,142.23 in unpaid bills with a total of 1 check for a grand total of \$5,142.23, totaling 1 check. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

5. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. June 15, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

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

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

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

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

1. Received from Arrow Bank – LOSAP Statement for May 2026.

2. Received from Firefly – 2025 Annual LOSAP Report and NYS Audit Footnote.

Comm. Valdez made some comments regarding the Annual LOSAP Report. We are 91% funded. May consider increasing the contribution to get it 100% funded, but that will be determined by the Board in the future. The rate of return is doing very well.

3. Authorize the payment to Firefly for the actuarial and administration fees in the amount of \$4,800 to be paid from the LOSAP Trust Fund through Arrow Bank.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to authorize the payment to Firefly for \$4800 from the LOSAP Trust Fund. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

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

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

- A. Received “Fire District Affairs: June – July 2026”.

8. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted.*

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

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

11. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief Adam Kangas

- 1. Town of Poughkeepsie National Night Out event on August 4, 2026, at Greenvale Farms from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Requesting two (2) career staff for a total of ten (10) hours. Also requesting Company 5 personnel to participate.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve a total of two (2) career staff for a total of ten (10) hours. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

- 2. Discussed the proposal submitted by Battalion Chief Dunderdale for the purchase of a pick-up truck as a replacement to the fleet. Funding is available through the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and is on State bid. A decision on a Ford or Chevy has not been made yet.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to go for a permissive referendum of up to \$83K from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a 2027 Ford F350. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

- 3. Notification to the Board of four (4) members being sent to paramedic school at DCC beginning the Fall semester of 2026 - FF Castano, FF Barnhardt, FF Nikisher, and FF Bolner. In discussion with the Union about a stipulation of sending them to school, i.e.

how they are being sent, their schedule, obligation to being a paramedic for a certain period of time.

4. 2009 Suburban to be surplus due to cost for repairs and value of vehicle. Vin: 1GNGK46K99R254525; Plate: AJ9801, Mileage:117,735

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to surplus that vehicle. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

5. Request for two permissive referendums, both to come out of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:
 - A. Not to exceed \$10K for HQ upgrades
 - B. \$24K for Rochdale for the septic design and survey.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion for a permissive referendum not to exceed \$10K for building upgrades at Headquarters to come out of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Comm. Chiumento made a motion for a permissive referendum for \$24K for Rochdale septic design and survey to come out of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Texas Roadhouse is requesting our participation in their Touch a Truck event on August 26th. Requesting ladder truck (in-service) or 32-57. Time to be determined, usually early evening.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. Dutchess Community College requesting use of the ambulance for their Annual Trauma Drill down at Hughsonville. Volunteer Steve Graff will be in charge.

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

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

D. Treasurer James Passikoff – No report.

12. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

There were no school requests submitted.

13. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for Executive Session

With no further business to conduct, Comm. Chiumento made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 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: 7/6/26
