



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 31, 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 6:02 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 26–8C. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$120,314.47 in unpaid bills with a total of 27 checks for a grand total of \$120,314.47, totaling 27 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. August 17, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as distributed for August 17, 2026. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

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

1. Decision needed regarding the annual payment verification process through Firefly; Firefly recommending to only verify those participants who have collected payments for more than 10 years. Everyone gets a once-a-year reminder to review and update their personal information with their annual benefit statement.

Discussion.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve after 9 years. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

2. Received from Arrow Bank – July 2026 LOSAP Account Statement

3. Received from Firefly, the 2027 – 2029 engagement agreement for a total estimate of \$8,330 per term year.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve Firefly for the 2027 – 2029 year for \$8,330 per year. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 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. Valdez

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.*

A. E-mail dated August 7, 2026 from Lisa Jackson, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator stating that Croft Corners Fire Company dropped the following members:

1. John Karg – failure to complete process.
2. Derek Ryone – abandonment of position; gear left at Station 5. Moved out of area.

Comm. Van Itallie made a motion to accept the recommendation and drop the people from the roles. Seconded by Comm. Chiumento.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

A. From Linda Somers – \$100.00 – In Memory of Margaret Harris

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to accept it to the General Fund. Seconded by Comm. Van Itallie.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

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

10. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Request approval for AFD to participate in the Arlington Street Fair on September 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Raymond Avenue with career staff of up to 40 hours overtime and volunteers to staff the Street Fair.

Comm. Chiumento made a motion to approve the participation and the forty (40) hours of overtime. Seconded by Comm. Jackson.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0 – 0

2. Training moving along – FF/Paramedic James Rogers has been released from training as of 5:00 p.m. today and is now counting towards staffing.

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – No report.

- C. Director of EMS David Violante
 - 1. Congratulations to James Rogers on being a Paramedic in the system and also congratulations to Ryan VanNess who completed his Paramedic status. He is now cleared to practice as a Paramedic.
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff
 - 1. May, June and July financial reports were sent to Chief Kangas and he will distribute. The P & L report is directly out of Tyler and the balance sheet is similar to what they had before.

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. Noah Ryley: "Self-Rescue", September 4 – 12, 2026 at New Hackensack. (No cost)

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

There were no school requests submitted for consideration.

12. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were 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, 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 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: 8/31/20

John OBRIEN	