



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA September 21, 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

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Board insists on decorum and common courtesy**
The public may comment on any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Each speaker may speak for up to three (3) minutes and no time may be transferred to another party. Please do not expect the Board to answer any questions or make comments during this time. If the Board chooses to answer questions, they will do so during the "Comments from the Board" section of the meeting.
6. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

7. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Abstract 26–A.

Motion to approve Abstract 26–A. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$593,967.97 in unpaid bills with a total of 44 checks for a grand total of \$593,967.97, totaling 44 checks.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. August 31, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 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. Valdez
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Van Itallie
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie

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

- A. Received Commissioner Richard Dore’s certificate of completion for the required “Commissioner Training Course”, dated September 8, 2026.
- B. Received “*Fire District Affairs*”: August – September 2026.

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

- A. E-mail dated September 9, 2026 from Lisa Jackson stating that Croft Corners dropped the following members for lack of participation. (*need to be dropped from the roles*)
 - 1. Greg Brevetti
 - 2. Romain Eugene
 - 3. Jacob Winterman
 - 4. Joseph Novohradsky
 - 5. David Imm – resigned from the District.
- B. E-mail dated September 1, 2026 from Shawn Gale of Croft Corners Fire Company stating he moved out of the area. (*need to be dropped from the roles*)

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

13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- A. Board to set date, time, and place for the 2026 Proposed Budget Hearing. It can be any day during the third week of October, as amended in Town Law 181[3][a]); (October 19th – 23rd)
- B. On or before September 29th adopt the proposed budget for 2027, including fund balance estimate for 2026. (Town Law §181[2])

Motion to approve a proposed budget of \$29,178,600 of which \$27,673,600 is to be raised by taxes, a 5.4449% increase. The rate per thousand decreases from 6.4750 to 6.4370, which is a minus .03% decrease.

Motion to move \$1 million of the 2024 and 2025 fund balance to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund; move \$500,000 of the 2024 and 2025 fund balance to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund; and \$500,000 of the 2024 and 2025 fund balance to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund.

- C. For Commissioner Election Inspector canvas letters to be mailed, BOFC to determine Annual Commissioner Election time and fix compensation. (*Inspectors need to be approved by second meeting in October*)
 - 1. Commissioner Election is Tuesday, December 8, 2026.
 - 2. Minimum hours are 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as per TL§175.
 - 3. Compensation for the three (3) hours is \$70 and any consecutive hours prior to 6:00 p.m., the compensation is \$100, as per TL§175.

NOTE: Maximum of four inspectors at HQ and four inspectors at ROM; one Chairperson and a few individuals to be on standby in the event someone can't perform duties.

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief Adam Kangas
 - 1. Request to transfer a total of up to \$224,000 out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for the following:
 - A. Doug Parrish – up to \$25,000 for contractual retirement incentive (sick time buy out)
 - B. Erin Hanlon – up to \$27,000 for contractual retirement incentive (sick time buy out)
 - C. Carl Cacace – up to \$42,000 for contractual retirement incentive (sick time buy out)
 - D. William Tompkins – up to \$37,000 for contractual retirement incentive (sick time buy out)

E. Christopher Mills – up to \$93,000 for accrued benefit time; contractual retirement

2. Request for a permissive referendum in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 out of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the replacement of the heating system at Rochdale.
3. Request for a permissive referendum in the amount not to exceed \$52,000 out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for turnout gear.
4. Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2026 Economic Development Initiative – Community Project Funding grant in the amount of \$1 million to be used for Station 4 functional upgrades.
5. Fire Prevention Detail

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Request for Arlington to participate in the Spackenkill PTA “Trunk or Treat” at Hagan School on October 17th with a rain date of the 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring 32-45 and 32-57, both in service.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s May, June and July 2026 Financial Reports for the District.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

- A. Tyler Pettit: “NFPA 1403 Live Fire”, October 30, 2026 at DC 911. (No cost, 6 hours District time)

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Items for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

17. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- A. Open items for approval and/or discussion as a result of Executive Session.
- B. Any other business that may come to the Board for consideration.

18. **ADJOURN MEETING**