



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA October 19, 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 26–10B.

Motion to approve Abstract 26–10B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$634,744.76 in unpaid bills with a total of 32 checks for a grand total of \$634,744.76, totaling 32 checks.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. September 21, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (*Comm. Chiumento was absent*)
1. Correction: The motion for the Abstract approval needs to be corrected. It was Abstract 26–9B, not Abstract 26–9A, as stated.
- B. October 1, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting.

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
1. Received from Arrow Bank, the August 2026 LOSAP Statement.
- 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 the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County’s meeting minutes from June 23, 2026.

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

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

Marilynne Cannatella – \$25.00 – Assistance received for her husband

13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- A. Set location for Department Election and Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, December 3, 2026. (**Not open to the public, for Department members only**)

NOTE: If contested, voting between hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at location designated by the BOFC. Annual Meeting at 8:30 p.m. to announce results of the Department Election. In the event that there are no contested elections, the Annual Meeting shall take place at 6:00 p.m.

- B. Adopt Annual Fire District Election Resolution (Town Law §175-a [6])

ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District (“Fire District”) hereby determine that the Annual Election of the Fire District shall be held on December 8, 2026 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., with polling places at the Red Oaks Mill Fire House, 213 Vassar Road for Wards 1, 2, and 5, and at District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard for Wards 3, 4, and 6 for the purpose of electing one (1) Fire District Commissioner for a five (5) year term of office commencing January 1, 2027 and continuing through December 31, 2031;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Candidate shall submit a petition setting forth their desired candidacy for the five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2027 and ending on December 31, 2031, subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the Arlington Fire District to the Secretary of the District, no later than November 18, 2026; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following resident Fire District Elector is appointed as the Chairperson of said District Election: Denes House.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following resident Fire District electors are hereby appointed as Election Inspectors for said election:

HEADQUARTERS

1. Sarajane Inglis
2. Karina House
3. Kimberly Rine

RED OAKS MILL

1. Paula Marcotte
2. Charlene Smart
3. Deborah Washburn

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and Election Inspectors be compensated in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), according to Town Law §175 for their services and attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case of any of the members appointed herein are unable to assume or perform the duties required of them, the Board of Fire Commissioners appoint the following resident Fire District electors as alternates:

1. Raymond Rodriguez
2. Eric Bennett
3. Jennifer Gonzalez

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Fire District Secretary is instructed to request a list of registered voters in the Arlington Fire District as of November 16, 2026 from the Dutchess County Board of Elections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the notice of election shall be published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, no earlier than November 4, 2026 and no later than November 11, 2026.

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Local 2393 would like to request the use of a spare apparatus to deliver Santa to the community on December 19th and 20th. At least two members will be in the apparatus, and Santa will be safely secured to the top of the vehicle as in years prior.
2. Fire Officer II class being held at AFD Station 3 from 11/02/26 – 11/06/26. Backfill covered by the AFG Grant.
 - A. Battalion Chief Erin Hanlon
 - B. Capt. James McGoldrick
 - C. Capt. Charles Fager
 - D. Capt. Donald Robison
 - E. Lt. William Roser
 - F. Lt. Michael Conroy
 - G. Lt. Brendan Benedetto
 - H. Lt. Chris Weiner
 - I. Lt. Ryan Fincham

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

C. Director of EMS David Violante

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. If received, Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Financial Report for the District.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

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

A. "EMS Connections", November 14, 2026 at DCC.

1. Daniel Sylvester – (\$75 registration, 10.5 hours District time)
2. Andrea Vallovera – (\$75 registration, 10.5 hours own time)
3. Christopher Weiner – (\$75 registration, 11 hours own time)
4. Jason Caulfield – (\$75 registration, 10.5 hours own time)

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Chief Kangas – Address the board regarding the current ambulance contract with Empress

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**