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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
November 2, 2026

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. **PLEASE SILENCE MOBILE DEVICES**

2. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Speakers must remain respectful and follow meeting procedures. Members of the public may address matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and may not yield time to another speaker. The Board generally will not respond during public comment but may address comments later under "Comments from the Board".

6. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

7. **APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

A. Abstract 26–11A

Motion to approve Abstract 26–11A, consisting of paid bills totaling $13,516.78 across 1 check and unpaid bills totaling $106,537.13 across 32 checks, for an aggregate amount of $120,053.91 across 33 checks.

B. Abstract 26–11A–Croft Corners

Motion to approve Abstract 26–11A–Croft Corners, consisting of paid bills totaling $0 across 0 checks and unpaid bills totaling $5,336.71 across 1 check, for an aggregate amount of $5,336.71 across 1 check.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approving the minutes of the following meetings:

A. October 19, 2026, public hearing on the Board of Fire Commissioners' proposed 2027 budget

B. October 19, 2026, Board of Fire Commissioners meeting

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Service Awards – Commissioners Valdez & Jackson
   1. Receipt of the September 2026 LOSAP statement from Arrow Bank.

B. District Inspections – Commissioners Dore & Jackson
C. District Officers & Chief Liaison – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Commissioners Valdez & Dore
E. Public Relations – Commissioners Chiumento & Jackson
F. Equipment Maintenance – Commissioners Dore & Valdez
G. Buildings & Grounds – Commissioners Dore & Van Itallie
H. Capital Equipment – Commissioners Van Itallie & Jackson
I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
J. Career Staff Liaison – Commissioners Chiumento & Dore
K. Volunteer Recruitment – Commissioners Valdez & Jackson
L. District Safety & Health – Commissioners Dore & Valdez
M. Strategic Plan – Commissioners Van Itallie & Valdez
N. Finance Committee – Commissioners Chiumento & Valdez
O. IT Operations Committee – Commissioners Dore & Van Itallie
P. Croft Lease – Commissioners Valdez & Van Itallie

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Receipt of the September 22, 2026 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

B. Receipt of Eric Philipp's letter of intent to run for Assistant Chief for 2027.

11. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

A. Remove EMS status for Matt Schlossberg of Croft Corners Fire Company but wishes to remain active Fire Police.

12. **DONATIONS** – **None**

13. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Consider authorizing an expenditure not to exceed $26,000 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund for Donald Robison's contractual retirement incentive (sick time buyout).

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

C. Director of EMS David Violante

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. If available, acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Financial Report.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted for notification only. The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

A. David Violante: "NYS Vital Signs Conference", November 12 – 15, 2026 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. (No registration cost, $504.57 lodging, $150 meals, use of District vehicle)

B. Peter Valdez: "EMS Connections", November 14, 2026 at Dutchess Community College. ($75 registration)

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A. Consider taking action on matters discussed in Executive Session, if appropriate.

B. Consider any other business properly brought before the Board.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Consider a motion to adjourn.