



# Arlington Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2021

### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Chairman  
Comm. Bruce Griffing, II  
Comm. Peter Valdez – Vice Chairman  
Comm. Peter Longi  
Comm. Richard Dore

Chief: William Steenbergh  
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp – (absent)  
Director of EMS: David Violante  
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill  
Treasurer: James Passikoff

Chairman Chiumento opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 7:00 p.m., took a roll call of the attendees and everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

III. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez to approve Abstract 21-8B. Consists of paid bills, 1 check, \$410.00. Unpaid bills, \$294,824.76, 30 checks for a total of \$295,234.76 for a total number of checks, 31. Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A. August 2, 2021 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to approve the August 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0 – 1 (Comm. Chiumento abstained)

V. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS** - *No reports given unless otherwise noted.*

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

1. Received an email dated August 6, 2021 from Glens Falls National Bank regarding “Investment Update”.

2. Received from Glens Falls National Bank the July 2021 “Statement of Value and Activity” report.

B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Griffing

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

E. Public Relations – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Longi & Comm. Dore

H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Dore

I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing

J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Dore & Comm. Chiumento

K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Griffing

L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Dore

M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez

N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Griffing

1. Comm. Chiumento reported that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting. Reviewing where the numbers are and starting to work on getting ready for the budget.

O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Griffing & Comm. Longi

P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Longi

Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Longi

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

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

A. Request from Boy Scouts Troop 25 to use the Red Oaks Mill meeting room on the following dates:

1. Weekly meetings on Wednesday nights starting September 8<sup>th</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2. Sunday meetings on September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Dore to approve. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

VIII. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*  
Marilyn Biagiotti – Assistance received: \$100.00

A motion was made by Comm. Longi to accept the donation and put it in the General Fund.  
Seconded by Comm. Griffing.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

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

X. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief William Steenbergh

1. Next BOFC meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Requesting Board acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) which we were awarded \$770,000 for Paramedic Training. The Fire District's responsibility is \$70,000. This grant will cover the cost to take ten (10) firefighters off the line and send them to obtain paramedic certification training.

A motion was made by Comm. Griffing to accept the award for the Paramedic Training.  
Seconded by Comm. Dore.

Brief discussion.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp – (absent)

C. Director of EMS David Violante

1. RE: COVID-19 and Delta variant - watching PPE stock: we are ok, but he is concerned. Also watching the changes on State and Federal guidelines, requirements, booster vaccinations, etc.

Brief discussion.

2. Recent incident involving a teenager in cardiac arrest at Greenvale; less than a 3 minute response time; seasoned medics on scene; unfortunately he passed away. Hats off to all those who were involved.

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. Chairman Chiumento acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's July 31, 2021 Financial Report for the District. Pension numbers will have an impact on the budget. Will know in two months.
2. Still having issues with submitting the Annual Update Document (AUD) to NYS. Has tried contacting NYS regarding obtaining the pension liability numbers and they are not returning calls or emails.

Chairman Chiumento wants it submitted without the numbers he is waiting for. At least it's submitted and can revise it. Treasurer Passikoff stated he will submit by September 1<sup>st</sup> if he doesn't get the numbers by then.

XI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

No school requests were submitted.

XII. **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Steenbergh – two (2) 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.

With no further open business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 5 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

There were no open items for discussion and/or approval as a result of Executive Session.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Dore to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried 5 – 0

No time given when the meeting adjourned.

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: 8-16-2021
