



Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA February 24, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman (absent)
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. **PROMOTION CEREMONY**
 - Lieutenant Thomas Andryshak

 - Lieutenant Hunter Rogers

 - Lieutenant Michael McNamee

 - Lieutenant Ryan Fincham

6. **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.

7. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

8. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Abstract 25–2B.

Motion to approve Abstract 25–2B. This consists of \$ _____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$ _____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$ _____, totaling _____ checks.

- B. Approval of Abstract 25–2B–VRRC (Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Coordinator)

Motion to approve Abstract 25–2B–VRRC. This consists of \$ _____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$ _____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$ _____, totaling _____ checks.

9. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- A. January 27, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting (*Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez absent*) Will need to be tabled until the next meeting when a quorum can approve.
- B. February 10, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (*Comm. Chiumento absent*)

10. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Jackson
1. Received February 7, 2025 from Arrow Bank – “Investment Update”.
 2. Received from Arrow Bank, the January 2025 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
 - 1. New applicant ready for Board consideration: Sarah Nicolaescu, Company 5, Firefighter.
- L. District Safety & Health – Comm. Dore & Comm. Valdez
- M. Strategic Plan – Comm. Van Itallie & Comm. Valdez
- N. Finance Committee – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie
- O. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Dore & Comm. Jackson
- P. Croft Lease – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Van Itallie
- Q. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Van Itallie

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

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

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

14. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

15. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief Adam Kangas
- 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.

16. **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. Timothy Gioia: “ACLS–EP”, February 18, 2025 at AFD St. 3. (No cost, 10 hours District time)

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

There were no school requests submitted for Board of Fire Commissioners consideration.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Chief Kangas – 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.

18. **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.

19. **ADJOURN MEETING**