

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2026

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
- Commissioner Brad Gaito
- Commissioner Kurt Martin
- Commissioner Rick Oh
- Chief Erik Weber
- 2nd Asst. Chief KC Anna
- District Manager James Magerle
- District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada
- Fire Dept. Member Brian McDonald

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Chairman Magerle initiated the meeting by informing the Board that two Dept. members expressed interest in the open Commissioners position: Brian McDonald and Tim Burke (who submitted his name after the deadline of Sept. 4, 2026). Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to appoint Brian McDonald to the Board to fill the open position. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. Brian McDonald was sworn in as Commissioner by Commissioner Oh.

Chief's Report:

- The following events/trainings were submitted for approval:
 - September 9, 2026 – Department RIT Drill
 - September 11, 2026 – 9/11 25th Anniversary Ceremony
 - September 13, 2026 – Department Rescue Rehab Drill
 - September 16, 2026 – Department Rescue Rehab Drill
 - September 18, 2026 – Flower Hill School “Back to School Bash”
 - September 19, 2026 – Cow Harbor Ambulance Standby
 - September 27, 2026 – Tunnels to Towers Run/Walk
 - October 11/12, 2026 – Huntington Fall Festival Recruitment Tent
 - October 15, 2026 – Open House
 - October 15/25, 2026 – Department Drill OBE and Chimney Emergencies
 - October 22, 2026 – Department Training Private Dwelling Search
 - November 22, 2026 – Department Training: Taxpayer

Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to approve all events/trainings, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.

- Recruitment tent has been successful; 2 prospective new members are in the interview process.
- Three estimates for a new AV system and one estimate for a digital roster board were given (two additional quotes will be forthcoming). The Board agreed to reevaluate both in November based on the budget.
- Bunker gear fitting is in progress, the Cardia 12 Lead is in service and driver training is ongoing. Commissioner Oh questioned why the training numbers haven't been updated; District Manager Magerle will speak with FHA Nelson.

District Manager's Report:

- Apparatus:
 - 2-2-2 PM, oil change and NYS Inspection
 - 2-2-3 had all 6 batteries replaced by Huntington
 - 2-2-5 PM, Oil change and NYS inspection
 - 2-2-10 PM,, oil change and NYS inspection completed
 - 2-2-11 PM, oil change and NYS inspection
 - 2-2-12 PM, Oil change and Huntington fixed the damaged door hinges
 - 2-2-15 PM, oil change and NYS inspection
 - Board agreed to proceed through insurance on the accident with 2232s vehicle
- Equipment:
 - New washer and dryer were delivered
 - Annual pump test conducted by Waterway for 221, 223 and 228.
 - 222 will be re-scheduled
 - SCBA annual flow testing completed by MES Coastal
 - Annual Ladder testing completed by Waterway
- Communications:
 - Telephone installed in Dept. Secretary/District EMT office
- Building & Grounds:
 - All Weather conducted the annual air conditioner inspection
 - New concrete pad was installed for the new washer/dryer
 - Sealing LI Seal coated and painted new lines in the parking lot
- Personnel:
 - 36 hours overtime for the Month of August

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the August 2026 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Gaito; unanimous.
- Financial Report & Bills:
 - Cash account balances, Budget Report as of August 31, 2026 and LOSAP Statement from Main Street Financial were distributed for review. Refunds in the amount of \$1,371.00 from Borg & Borg and \$4934.36 from Verizon. Prepays totaling \$34,594.12, payroll for August totaling \$68,967.24, 44 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$45,100.71 and 2 vouchers from previous permissive referendum from the Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$18,141.73 were approved on a motion from Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. District Sec/Treasurer Spada noted that a receipt submitted from the District Dinner in July was not itemized and as per Cullen & Danowski's

remarks from the August meeting, all receipts moving forward should be itemized.

- Correspondence:
 - Request from 1st Asst. Chief Conforti to purchase ten tickets for the 2026 Chief's Council Dinner on October 3, 2026 at a cost of \$1,500.00; motion to approve by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.
 - Notification from ProClaim that they are moving from Salucro to Waystar for credit card processing. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to approve Waystar debits processed by ProClaim, seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
 - Recommendation from ProClaim to increase our billing rates to align with the usual and customary rates being charged by private and hospital-based systems. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to increase to the following ambulance billing rates to: BLS \$2205.00, ALS Emergency \$2,745.00, ALS2 \$3825.00 and \$59.00 per mile. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
- Chairman Magerle
 - Chairman Magerle asked for a motion on the 2027 Chief's Budget. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the 2027 Chief's Budget, seconded by Commissioner McDonald and unanimous.
 - Chairman Magerle suggested that a Special Meeting be held to further discuss the 2027 Annual Budget before the Preliminary Budget must be approved on September 29, 2026. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to change the October Meeting originally scheduled for October 14, 2026 to Tuesday, October 20, 2026 to begin immediately after the Annual Budget Hearing which will be held at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- Apparatus:
 - Commissioner Martin informed the Board that the previous owner of the sled contacted Warner Bros. and legal counsel has been advised.
 - Chairman Magerle relayed that Fire Dept. member Eletto asked for an engine and chauffer to go to the Nassau and Suffolk Fire Academies on October 4, November 6 and 7, 2026 for training. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
- Buildings and Grounds:
 - Commissioner Gaito asked if there was a possibility of purchasing the water machine that is in the Ready Room; District Manager will investigate it.
- Communications:
 - No report.
- Personnel:

- Commissioner Gaito asked the Board how they would like to proceed with the Civil Service list for the Fire House Attendant position when FHA Balletta retires. It was agreed to send letter for the 100's through the 90s and interviews would be held on October 1st and 2nd between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Gaito asked the Board if FHA Manganello could be involved with the training of the new hire; the Board did not object.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:55 p.m. by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Martin; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer