

Halesite Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners

Organizational Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Andrew Magerle, Kurt Martin, Brad Gaito and Rick Oh. Commissioner Schondebare was excused. Also present was District Manager James Magerle, District Sec/Treas. Denise Spada and 2nd Asst. Chief K.C. Anna.

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion for Andrew Magerle to remain Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Oh, the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Magerle put forth a motion for all previously designated roles to remain the same with Commissioner Oh remaining Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.

Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the department's slate of officers, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous. 2nd Asst. Chief Anna indicated that the Chiefs would be sworn in all together at a later date.

Commissioner Gaito put forth a motion that reappointments remain the same for the following: Denise Spada as District Secretary/Treasurer, Janine Eckstein as Deputy Treasurer, Dr. Jack Geffken as EMS Medical Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.

Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to keep the following designations: Official Bank: Connect One, Official Newspaper: *The Long Islander*, the District Attorney will remain William Glass, the District Accountant, Sean Flanagan and Cullen & Danowski will perform the Independent Audit. The meeting date will remain the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.

Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to readopt the District Policies as they currently stand. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the district employee salaries as outlined in the District-Employee contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.

Chairman Magerle put forth a motion to approve the following monthly pre-pays: AT&T, Ameritas, The Hartford (PFL/Disability) National Grid, NYSHIP, Optimum, PSEG, Wex Bank Exxon, Wex Bank Shell, Wex Bank Sunoco and the Medicare Part B Retirees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the following annual vendor contracts: All Weather, SCM, CAT Service/Panther Compressors, TK Elevator Corp, Green Grass Guy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. It was agreed that other contracts/agreements would be approved as they are received.

There being no further business, at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to adjourn the Organizational meeting and move into the regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer