

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK  
13 FEBRUARY 2025

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Present: Commissioner Reginald Johnson  
Commissioner Vikki Simmons  
Commissioner Daymon Yizar  
Commissioner Emma Walthall

Absent: Commissioner John Malone

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss  
Secretary Sarah Senior  
Treasurer Joseph Marra

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District, Westchester County, New York, of Thursday, 13 February 2025, convened at 18:09 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Johnson.

**R25-02-01**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the meeting shall be called to order:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

Chair Johnson called the roll: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson present. Commissioner Malone is absent.

**R25-02-02**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that the minutes of the organizational meeting of 9 January 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-03**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the regular meeting of 9 January 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-04**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the special meeting of 23 January 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-05**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the special meeting of 25 January 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

Apparatus Committee

The Committee has received the MOU from Westchester County regarding the Squad 6 HazMat vehicle. The committee gave updates regarding ongoing fire apparatus maintenance and repairs. The Chief reported a traffic accident that occurred on 2/1/2025 and has been reported to insurance.

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, in its meeting on 2/11/2025, conducted a comprehensive review of payroll and bank reconciliations through December 2024, confirming that all was in order. Commissioner Johnson provided suggestions for additional reports that may be beneficial for financial oversight.

House and Grounds Committee

The Committee will meet with H2M Architects on 2/24/2024.

Chief's Report

**R25-02-06**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, the following school requests are approved:

- DC Lester to Fire Officer 4 in Peekskill, NY, from 04/07/2025-04/11/2025 at no registration cost
- FFs D. Vargas and Goldstein to Swift Water Flood rescue training in Oriskany, NY from 05/06/2025-05/09/2025 at no registration cost
- FF Callagy to Arson Investigation course in Montour Falls, NY, from 9/9-10/3 at no registration cost

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

The Spring training days are being planned.

On 01/25/2025, members attended the Andy Fredericks Seminar in Elmsford, NY, and on 02/06/2025, members attended the MTO Leadership Seminar at the Westchester Department of Emergency Services.

The Chief reported the line-of-duty death that took place in Binghamton, NY, on 02/13/2025.

Spring training days are being planned.

The 2025 Spring Firefighter Academy will start on 2/25/2025.

**R25-02-07**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that Joseph Finnegan shall be employed as a firefighter in the Fairview Fire District effective 16 February 2025 at the starting salary of \$54,061, subject to the satisfactory completion of the career firefighter training program at the Westchester County Career Fire Chief's Academy and a maximum probationary period of fifty-two (52) weeks:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-08**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that Kevin Pfeiffer shall be employed as a firefighter in the Fairview Fire District effective 17 February 2025 at the starting salary of \$54,061, subject to the satisfactory completion of the career firefighter training program at the Westchester County Career Fire Chief's Academy and a maximum probationary period of fifty-two (52) weeks:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-09**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that Santino Amendola shall be employed as a firefighter in the Fairview Fire District effective 18 February 2025 at the starting salary of \$54,061, subject to the satisfactory completion of the career firefighter training program at the Westchester County Career Fire Chief's Academy and a maximum probationary period of fifty-two (52) weeks:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

The Chief reported that the 2025 Uniform Bid is being prepared.

The first quarter Officer's Meeting will take place on 03/11/2025.

Michael Volk has been named Deputy Commissioner of the Westchester Department of Emergency Services.

The Chief met with County Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson to discuss potential funding for the Westchester County Career Chief's Academy.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the current sick incentive agreement, and how it is paid by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Chief reported that the department received a donation of NARCAN nasal spray from the Urban League of Westchester.

The Department recently responded to a building fire in Elmsford on 01/08/2025, a HazMat incident in Montrose on 01/11/2025, a house fire in Elmsford on 01/24/2025, an attic fire in the district on 01/24/2025, and a house fire in Hartsdale on 01/29/2025.

The Department responded to 213 alarms in January 2025, including 112 EMS and extraction calls.

End of Chief's Report

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the process by which training is approved or denied. The Chief explained that he first looks to see if the class is relevant to the department's scope of work and if there is a need based on the amount of personnel that has or does not have the certification.

**R25-02-10**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Walthall, the Board shall enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the medical history and employment of particular persons and to review the Sick and Late Report for January 2025:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 19:25 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 19:58 hours.

**R25-02-11**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that the Public Session shall resume:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-12**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall and seconded by Commissioner Simmons that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time outlined in the Sick & Late Report for January 2025:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-13**

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReports as of 29 January 2025 and 10 February in the total amount of \$156,226.23:

Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent. The motion was carried.

**R25-02-14**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that the meeting shall be adjourned at 20:01 hours:  
Roll call: Commissioners Simmons, Yizar, Walthall, and Johnson voting aye, nays none, Commissioner Malone absent.  
The motion was carried.

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Sarah Senior  
Fire District Secretary

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