

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

Present: Commissioner Reginald Johnson
Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall
Commissioner Yizar

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, 9 January 2024, convened at 17:19 hours at Fire Headquarters at 19 Rosemont Boulevard, Greenburgh, New York. The presiding officer was Chair Johnson.

R25-01-19

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

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

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

R25-01-20

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that the minutes of the regular meeting of 12 December 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

R25-01-21

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that the minutes of the special meeting of 17 December 2025 shall be approved as submitted by the Secretary:

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

Apparatus Committee

The Committee is still waiting for an updated MOU from Westchester County regarding the Squad 6 vehicle. Ladder-1 is back in service.

House and Grounds Committee

The Committee needs to schedule a date to meet with H2M to review building assessments. The ladder bay at Headquarters will not accommodate the new truck; the committee will need to review possible solutions prior to the arrival of the truck.

Chief's Report

Members have been invited to participate in a railroad emergency training hosted by Hartsdale Fire Department on 1/16/25.

The Chief reported that he is waiting on a \$100 rebate from Apple, Inc. for the purchase of 2 MacBook computers previously approved by the Board.

Spring training days are being planned.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the CPAT exam, and the role it plays in the hiring process.

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

The Chief reported that warehouse and supply chain issues have severely complicated the 2024 Uniform order, resulting in a large portion of the uniforms remaining undelivered. He is working with the vendor to rectify these issues.

Deputy Chief Lester has been assigned to Group 3, Captain Loccisano will start First Line Officers School in February.

DES Commissioner Wishnie was promoted to the Deputy County Executive, Susan Spears was the DES Deputy Commissioner, will not be the Commissioner for the Department of Emergency Services.

The City of Yonkers has offered to loan us active shooter equipment while we await the equipment being provided by Westchester County.

The 2024 Operation Candycane/Santa Detail was extremely successful in December.

The Department responded to 249 alarms in December 2024, including 119 EMS and Extrication calls.

In 2024, the Department responded to 2,629 alarms, 1,350 EMS and Extrication calls.

End of Chief's Report

The Board scheduled special meetings for 23 January 2025, and 28 January 2025 at 17:30 hours.

Commissioners Johnson and Walthall will attend Commissioner Training on 27 March 2025.

R25-01-22

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Walthall that 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 December 2024:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 18:28 hours.

The Executive Session was concluded at 18:55 hours.

R25-01-23

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

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

R25-01-24

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Johnson that the Board shall authorize payment to employees for periods of illness/sick time set forth in the Sick & Late Report for December 2024:

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

R25-01-25

Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the

bills shall be approved as submitted by the Treasurer and recorded in the Account QuickReport as of 11 January 2025 in the amount of \$323,590.40:

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

R25-01-26

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the meeting shall be adjourned at 19:54 hours:

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

Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary
