

DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON:

Monday, August 22, 2024

Location - Station 89, 7550 Lyman Ave, Darien.

Time: The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

Call to order:

Roll call of Commissioners present: Ed Cryer, Julia Beckman and Dominic Marsiglio
Guests: Chief Jimmy Lahanis, Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk

Review of previous minutes

The minutes of the following regular meeting were reviewed:

May 16, 2024: Chair Cryer moved, Member Marsiglio seconded motion to approve. Approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

- A. Trustee's Meeting: Previous Trustee Board meetings were attended by member/s of the Board of Commissioners. An update report was given at all meetings.
- B. Trustee's Report: The report packet included previous months' meeting minutes, Treasurer Report, Chief's report were issued along with the agenda for the current monthly meeting.
- C. Other communications: Various emails were sent to the commissioners for information covering DWFD issues.

Personnel and General Issue Report

Chief Lahanis reported that the two probationary firefighters are doing well.

Battalion Chief status: Since the eligibility list is exhausted, current dates no longer apply. Two internal candidates, one is possible. We could give the test and put them on eligibility list.

Chief Lahanis would like to run the test in January, 2025. Both Battalion Chief and Lieutenant tests need to be updated.

Chair Report

Chair Cryer led review of the new swearing-in process. All agreed that conducting ceremony at Trustee meeting is best. Consensus of group that the Chief should read the statement at the probation swearing-in. If new hire needs to start before a trustee meeting, Chief could swear in informally. New hire could then be introduced at following Trustee meeting.

Chair Cryer led discussion of candidate interview questions. He directed Commissioners to review the swearing in ceremony and the Rules and Regulations before next meeting. He and Chief Lahanis will further review interview questions.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting

The Next DWFD Commissioner meeting will be on November 14, 2024 at 2:00pm at Station 89, 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien. Next year's schedule will be established and election of officers will be held, as well as continuing discussion and action on interview questions and Rules and Regulations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Marsiglio moved and Member Beckman seconded motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Beckman

Fire Commissioner

Recording Secretary