



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dale Hurley called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOC) of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order on, Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the PFPD Headquarters (HQ), 23748 W. 135th St., Plainfield, IL, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Commissioner Dale Hurley, Commissioner Arnold Hartley & Commissioner Robert Dehm. As well as Chief Vito Bonomo, Deputy Chief Charles Kraft, Administrative Assistant Nicole Irwin, & HR Generalist Alicia Pavone.

A motion was made to accept January 15, 2025, meeting minutes by Commissioner Robert Dehm, seconded by Commissioner Dale Hurley; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.

No bills or matters from the public.

Old Business: A motion was made to accept the dates in place with I/O Solutions for the eligibility test, by Commissioner Dale Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Hartley; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote. Chief Bonomo discussed the recruitment video and said that he has hopes of it being completed before we post for the test. The Chief asked to include in the flyer for applications that we will be hiring 4 off the list from 2025, 4 off the list from 2026 and 4 off the list from 2027. Discussed PFPD fire prevention bureau going to career events at WILCO Career Center, Joliet Junior College and College of DuPage. Also discussed the PFPD Cadet program and how much it benefits the future of firefighters with hands on experience and an allowance for training. Discussion was held about updating the preference points for the eligibility list. **A motion was made to update the experience point breakdown to 2 points if you are enrolled in the Cadet Program and 5 points if you have been in the program for over a year, by Commissioner Arnold Hartley, seconded by Commissioner Robert Dehm; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.**

Discussion held and documents reviewed regarding a new background investigation company. **A motion was made to use CLS Background Investigation not to exceed \$1,800 per investigation, by Commissioner Robert Dehm, seconded by Commissioner Dale Hurley; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.**

Discussion held and documents reviewed regarding a new psychological examination. **A motion was made to use Stephen A. Laser for psychological exams, not to exceed \$600 per exam, by Commissioner Arnold Hartley, seconded by Commissioner Dale Hurley; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.**

Discussion about posting the 90-day notice for the Battalion Chief Promotional Exam was held. The Board of Trustees will approve the Policy Manual, SOPs and SOGs at their next meeting on May 12th, and the approved documents must be accessible on SharePoint and at the stations before posting the notice. **A motion was made to post the notice once the documents have**

been approved and posted, by Commissioner Arnold Hartley, seconded by Commissioner Robert Dehm; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.

The promotional language in the CBA (collective bargaining agreement) was reviewed and the updates that were made were discussed. The dates provided by the testing company, RMA, were reviewed. **A motion was made to accept dates in October and November for the Battalion Chief Promotional Exam done by RMA, by Commissioner Robert Dehm, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Hartley; motion approved by a 3-0 voice vote.**

Discussion about the three firefighters on probation, Chief explained that there needs to be some improvement with some of the skills and they will be holding a meeting to review in May.

New Business: Congratulations to Robert Dehm for being elected as a Plainfield Fire Protection District Trustee. Commissioner Arnold Hartley and Commissioner Dale Hurley expressed gratitude and appreciation for all that Robert did while on the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Trustees posted for anyone interested in filling the commissioner opening and for anyone interested in a 3-year term to provide a letter of interest to the Board by May 2, 2025. The Board of Commissioners reviewed the "welcome" new commissioner packet and made some improvements.

A special meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at HQ. **There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Dale Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Hartley; all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,
Arnold Hartley, Secretary
Nicole Irwin, Administrative Assistant