

MINUTES

Reorganizational Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners

Location: Fire Headquarters - 255 Main Street, Eastchester, NY 10709

(Tuesday, January 6, 2026)

Board Members Present:

Commissioner Paul Carlo
Commissioner Anthony J. Lore, Sr.
Commissioner Luke Yankowski
Commissioner Tony Cerasi
Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone

In Attendance:

Chief Brian Tween
Assistant Chief Bruce Yozzo
Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom
Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Call to Order

Action: 2.1 - Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chief Brian Tween.

Action 2.2 - Welcome Re-elect Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone

Chief Tween welcomed Re-elect Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone (2026-2030).

Chief Tween proceeded to read the Oath of Office for Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone:

Paul M. Ranellone stated:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Fire Commissioner.

Chief Tween asked the Board to make a motion to enter Executive Session.

Commr. Carlo made the motion, Commr. Cerasi seconded. Unanimously passed. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:05 PM

3. Executive Session - The Board exited executive session and reentered public session at 7:20 PM.

4. Chief Tween

4.1 - Motion to discuss the selection of a Chairman for the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2026. Discussion took place.

5. Chairman - 2026

Action 5.1 - Appointment of Chairman - 2026

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Commissioner Anthony J. Lore, Sr. as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2026.

Motion by Commr. Ranellone , seconded by Commr. Yankowski
Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi
Abstain: Commr. Lore
Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Commr. Lore thanked the Board for the appointment as Chairman.

6. Deputy Chairman - 2026

Action 6.1 - Appointment of Deputy Chairman - 2026

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Commr. Tony Cerasi as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2026.

Motion by Commr. Yankowski, seconded by Commr. Ranellone
Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Lore
Abstain: Commr. Cerasi
Final Resolution: Motion Passed

7. Board Member Committees - 2026

Action 7.1 - Appointment of Health and Safety Meeting Board Rep

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Chairman Anthony J. Lore, Sr. and Commissioner Luke Yankowski as Health and Safety Committee Meeting Board Representative(s) for 2026

Motion by Commr. Lore, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

8. Action 8.1 - Appointment of Fire District Treasurer

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Jamie Hedstrom, CPA, MST to the position of Fire District Treasurer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026, at the rate of 2% increase from \$95.00 per hour.

The position also has:

- Pension eligibility: Yes
- Health Care Insurance: as required by per law, NYSHIP rules & requirements
- Holidays: unpaid
- Sick Leave: as required by law
- Sick Leave Incentive: NONE
- Hours: varied / estimated to be 20 hours per week
- Longevity: None
- Personal days: None
- Vacation: 6 weeks paid @ 20 hours per week
- Overtime: As required by law

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Chairman Lore proceeded to read the Oath of Office for Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom

Jamie Hedstrom stated:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Fire District Treasurer.

9. Action 9.1 - Appointment of Secretary to EBOFC

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Marissa “Isang” Smith to the position of Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026, at a salary of 2% increase to \$79,846.

The position also has:

- Participation in NYSLRS- required
- Health insurance per board policy with 10% premium contribution
- Vacation:

- Upon hire- 2 weeks,
- Upon anniversary of 3 years- 3 weeks, and
- Upon anniversary of 4 years- 4 weeks
- Upon anniversary of 5 years - 5 weeks
- 8 days of paid sick leave
- 8 holidays and (1) floater holiday per board policy
- Four (4) personal days
- Position is eligible for dental coverage provided by the Board policy dental plan
- Optical- none
- Bereavement- none
- Sick leave incentive- none
- FMLA/PFL- FMLA as required by law
- Educational Reimbursement- none

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Chairman Lore proceeded to read the Oath of Office for Secretary Marissa Isang Smith

Marissa Isang Smith stated:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

10. Action 10.1 - Appointment of FOIL Officer

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Marissa “Isang” Smith as Freedom Of Information Law Officer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

11. Action 11.1 - Appointment of FOIL Appeal Officer

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Chief Brian Tween as Freedom Of Information Law Appeals Officer of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

12. Action 12.1 - Appointment of Fire District Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC (1 Lincoln Center, Syracuse, NY) for Labor Matters, and Coughlin and Gerhart (99 Corporate Drive | Binghamton, NY 13904) as Fire District Counsel of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

13. Action 13.1 - Appointment of Fire District Ethics Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Steven Sledzik, Esq. of Morrison Law Firm, P.C. 445 Hamilton Ave, Suite 505, White Plains, NY 10601 as Fire District Ethics Counsel of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

14. 14.1 - Appointment of Fire District Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints BST & Co. CPAs, LLP, 26 Computer Dr. W, Albany, NY 12205, as Fire District Auditor of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

15. 15.1 - Appointment of Fire District Physician

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Dr. Shikha Goyal of White Plains Urgent Care at 294 Tarrytown Road White Plains, NY 10607, as Fire District Physician of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

16. 16.1 - Appointment of Fire District Chaplains

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints Rev. Carl Maiello from the Good Shepherd Church, Fr. Anthony Sorgie from the Immaculate Conception Church, Rabbi Sruli Dietsch from Chabad of Bronxville and Reverend Dr.

Matthew Waterstone of the Reformed Church of Bronxville as Fire District Chaplains of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

17. 17.1 - Appointment of Fire District Insurance Agent

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, 2 Westchester Park Drive, White Plains, NY as Fire District Insurance Agent of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

18. 18.1 - Appointment of Official Newspaper for Legal Notice

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints The Journal News as Official Newspaper for Legal Notice of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

19. 19.1 - Appointment of Fire District Depository

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby appoints JP Morgan Chase and the Federal Reserve Treasury Direct Account as Fire District Depositories of Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2026.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

20. 20.1 - Affirm Workplace Violence Policy

Commissioner Lore affirmed that the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners hereby affirms that the contact person for receiving any complaints in 2026 will be Chief Brian Tween and/or the Fire Board Chairman. Copies of said policies should be posted in each firehouse.

The Board affirmed.

Chief Tween advised to update that policy and that it should include Station 5 in the policy. He advised he will contact the attorneys to assist with the update. The Board

agreed with Chief Tween's recommendation.

21. 21.1 - Affirm Fire District Code of Ethics

Commissioner Lore affirmed that the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners hereby affirms that the Code of Ethics of the Fire District (rev. 2019) has been distributed to all Board members, the Fire District Treasurer, the Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief; a certification will follow to all for confirmation. The Board instructed the Chief to have copies posted in each Firehouse.

The Board affirmed.

Chief Tween asked the Board if digital copies could be made available on the fire department computers. The Board agreed.

22. Mechanic Tim Dalton - Benefits

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a 2% increase to Mechanic Tim Dalton's salary, effective January 1, 2026 and an additional week of vacation.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr.

Lore Final Resolution: Motion Passed

23. EBOFC Meeting Schedule - 2026

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed 2026 Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Schedule, as follows:

- January 15, 2026
- February 12, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- May 14, 2026
- June 11, 2026
- July 9, 2026
- August 13, 2026
- September 10, 2026
- October 20, 2026
- November 12, 2026
- December 10, 2026

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Yes: Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Chief Tween asked the Board if the April and October meeting could be held in a

different location. He asked for the Board's approval to reach out to Bronxville Village Hall or Tuckahoe Village Hall. The Board agreed.

24. Comments from Local 916

Union President Joseph Costanzo congratulated Commr. Lore on his chairmanship and thanked Commr. ranellone for his service as Chairman.

25. Comments from the Public

No Comments from the public.

26. Comments from the Commissioners

Commr. Yankowski congratulated Commissioner Lore and Commissioner Cerasi on their appointments as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

27. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Commr. Lore unanimously agreed upon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 6, 2026**

Minutes prepared by:
Marissa "Isang" Smith
Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners