



# LAGRANGE FIRE DISTRICT

504 Freedom Plains Rd • Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



## MINUTES BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Special Meeting – Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

ATTENDEES: Chairman Marc Komorsky Commissioner Barry Ward  
Commissioner Robert Taft Commissioner Anthony Pignataro (*via Teams*)  
Commissioner Vincent Tierney (*absent*)  
Chief Anthony Champion Deputy Chief Scott Merritt

At 9:34 AM, Commissioner Marc Komorsky called the Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting to order for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:35 AM, Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Taft and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to go into Executive Session to hold interviews and discuss one contractual issue. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

### **REGULAR SESSION & PROMOTIONS:**

At 11:00 AM, the Board resumed Regular Session.

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Pignataro, the Board RESOLVED to approve the contract promoting Captain Zittel from Captain to Deputy Chief effective March 5<sup>th</sup>. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to hold a promotional ceremony on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to promote Lt. (Joseph) Kile to Fire Captain. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to promote Lt. (Paul) DeMillo to Fire Captain. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to promote Firefighter/Medic Randi Skuza to Fire Lieutenant. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to promote Firefighter/Medic Brendan

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Whalen to Fire Lieutenant. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Taft, the Board RESOLVED to promote Firefighter/Medic Sean Hatfield to Fire Lieutenant. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Champion said that they would include already promoted Fire Captains Kyle Rancourt and Jason Ryan in the promotion ceremony.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:46 AM, upon a MOTION made by Commissioner Ward and SECONDED by Commissioner Tierney, the Board RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. Pignataro – Aye, Taft – Aye, Tierney – Absent, Ward – Aye, Komorsky – Aye. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bria Le – District Secretary

***Approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 3/25/25***

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