

Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting

September 24, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Bristol Fire Station 4, 17 Vincent P. Kelly Road, Bristol, CT

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Commissioners Dana Jandreau, Hal Kilby, Anthony Benvenuto, Sandra Bogdanski, and Dannette Rodriguez, Council Member Peter Kelley, and Fire Chief Richard Hart

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She led introductions and welcomed the Fall Citizens Academy attendees to the Fire Board meeting.

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- a. None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. On motion of Commissioner Kilby, seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto, it was unanimously voted: To approve the August 27, 2026 regular meeting minutes with the correction of completing the last sentence in item 6 a.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS

- a. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, seconded by Commissioner Benevenuto, it was unanimously voted: To approve the August monthly reports and place them on file.
 - Mutual Aid calls were discussed by the board. Chief Hart shared that there was 1 Mutual Aid call, but the call was canceled it while members were en route.
 - Commissioner Bogdanski questioned the report of mold at Station 2. Chief Hart advised that Dave Oakes is investigating.
 - Mayor Zoppo-Sassu asked about the new Northeast Middle School survey that was completed by Engine 5. Chief Hart advised that the company that did the survey shares this information with the department by entering all information into First Due. Chief Hart provided an overview of how the department would respond to a fire alarm at Northeast Middle School.
 - Chief Hart advised that the two Ford Rangers for the replacement of two

vehicles in the Fire Marshal's Office will be delivered in December.

- Chief Hart shared that the UTV is in full service and department training has been completed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Fire Station 3 Building Committee

- Chief Hart shared that the committee has not closed out the project. The committee is still addressing some items with the contractor.

b. Personnel Committee

- Commissioner Jandreau advised that recruits Firefighters Drouin and Greco are doing well in the Fire Academy and will complete their training in December.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A Board of Finance Request to appropriate a donation was presented. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Finance Request to appropriate \$500.00 for a general donation to the Fire Department to purchase cameras for the Fire Marshal's office.
 - Commissioner Jandreau made a motion to bring a new item up under new business. Commissioner Bogdanski seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A Board of Finance Request to transfer a donation was presented. Commissioner Jandreau moved to transfer \$1,000.00 in donated funds to purchase gas meters, and Commissioner Benvenuto seconded. The Board unanimously approved the request.
- b. The Bristol Boys and Girls Club will be collaborating with the Bristol Fire Department in October for Fire Prevention Month. They will work with 4th- and 5th-grade students in their after-school programs to complete posters for the CT Fair Plan Annual Poster Contest.

10. ADJOURN

- a. On motion of Commissioner Bentivengo and seconded by Commissioner Bogdanski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Recording Secretary: Sara Bianchi

