

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Approved
1/7/26
PC

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, January 08, 2026
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting Dial-in Number: 1-305-224-1968

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the January 08, 2026 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Laura Cronin, Commissioner Peter Cross, and Commissioner Alex Mercado
ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke (via Zoom); Assistant Chief Gregory Dardia, District Clerk-Treasurer TK Menesale; Hyannis Fire District (HFD) Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy, and guests
ABSENT: Commissioner Demetrius Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

Chairperson Cronin took the meeting out of order to address the promotion subject in the item **8. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve to address the promotion subject in item **8.**

CHIEF'S REPORT
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Mercado: Aye

- Assistant Chief Dardia said EMS (Emergency Management Services) Supervisor Captain Michael Medeiros will be retiring; to ensure a smoother transition the hiring process for Captain Medeiros' replacement was started earlier than usual; 2 qualified candidates have gone through the HFD hiring process; these candidates were Lieutenant (Lt.) Rachael Clough and FF Nicholas Martin
- Assistant Chief Dardia stated this hiring process was led by a 5-person panel of internal interviewers rather than an external evaluator
- Assistant Chief Dardia said the panel decided to select Lt. Clough for the EMS Supervisor position
- Assistant Chief Dardia highlighted some of Lt. Clough's qualifications for this position to the board
- Assistant Chief Dardia asked the board for its approval to recommend Lt. Clough for the EMS Supervisor position

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve to recommend Lt. Clough to the position of EMS Supervisor

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Mercado: Aye

- Lt. Clough thanked the board for its approval to recommend her for the EMS Supervisor position

1. MINUTES:

- The December 11, 2025 meeting minutes will be voted on in the next meeting

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chairperson Cronin said she received a letter from Chief Burke in which he requested the board to have him remain in his current position and to negotiate a new contract with the HFD

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

a. Audit:

- None

b. West Main:

- None

c. Ocean Avenue:

- Commissioner Cross said there is a streetlight on Ocean Avenue taped to the utility pole
- Commissioner Mercado will look into this issue

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairperson Cronin stated the posting for the board nominations is complete; the board nominations are available for the public to review
- Chairperson Cronin suggested that election information should be on the agenda going forward in the agenda item titled either **ELECTIONS** or **ANNUAL MEETING** to ensure that any information or tasks needed for the Annual Meeting or Elections are addressed
- District Clerk-Treasurer said the board nomination information is on the HFD website and the election information will be included in the agenda items going forward

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR:

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Please see **I. OPEN SESSION** for the discussion and decision on **8. CHIEF'S REPORT**: Lt. Clough's promotion
- Assistant Chief Dardia discussed the Fire Prevention position opening process; there are 4 qualified candidates for this position; this process is ongoing; once the final candidate has been selected, the promotion recommendation will go before the board for its approval
- Assistant Chief Dardia said Ladder 2 has been delivered; the manufacturer's representative has come out to the HFD from Wisconsin to complete the training sessions with the HFD personnel
- Assistant Chief Dardia stated each shift had about an 8-hour day with this training representative for hands-on training with this new equipment
- Assistant Chief Dardia said HFD personnel trained over the New Year's Eve holiday to avoid the Ladder 2 training being pushed back to late January 2026; Assistant Chief Dardia stated Ladder 2 is registered, insured, and able to be driven; this weekend HFD personnel will start training with the Nantucket Department Chief who will concentrate on Ladder 2 with all 4 shifts; this Department Chief will discuss the differences between the available HFD vehicles and how to best utilize both vehicles in various emergency situations
- Assistant Chief Dardia said the elevator work is ongoing as the building's elevator was in need of repair
- Assistant Chief Dardia stated one of the ambulance bays was out of service due a needed repair, but this bay is scheduled to be repaired this week
- Commissioner Cross asked Assistant Chief Dardia to repeat which ambulance bay was out of service right now
- Assistant Chief Dardia discussed why this ambulance bay needed to be repaired
- Assistant Chief Dardia said he had a meeting yesterday in the Town of Barnstable's Town Hall; this meeting was attended by the Planning Board and all the districts' fire chiefs; Assistant Chief Dardia said this meeting was valuable as all the fire chiefs were able to hear from and ask questions directly to the planning committee and the Town of Barnstable's Town Manager Mark Ellis regarding any of the fire chiefs' concerns or questions
- Assistant Chief Dardia discussed the recent water leak at the Margaritaville Resort Cape Cod location; Margaritaville's 40-foot roof collapsed due to an unresolved leak awaiting repair; there was a water leak due to the roof collapse
- The board discussed this emergency situation and how this roof collapse situation was addressed by the HFD personnel
- Chairperson Cronin asked if Margaritaville was closed due to this damage
- Assistant Chief Dardia said Margaritaville is currently operational as this roof collapse was in an isolated area not impacting any of the guests' accommodations
- Commissioner Cross asked Assistant Chief Dardia about the Dive Truck and the new boat status
- Assistant Chief Dardia said the Dive Truck is in process
- Chief Burke said the new boat will be probably be ready by late 2027 as the design phase has just begun

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to Adjourn the public session
VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, HFD Recording Secretary

MEETING AGENDA
HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b)
Laura Cronin- Chair

DATE OF MEETING: **Thursday, January 8, 2026**
TIME: **7:00 PM**
PLACE: **95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **January 8, 2026**, a meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be conducted at the HYANNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Real-time Public comment can be addressed to the Board utilizing the Zoom link or telephone number and access code listed below:

Link: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/5042956607>
Meeting ID: 504 295 6607
For Public Comment Dial: 1-305-224-1968
Password: Hyannis1!

AGENDA & CALL TO ORDER:

I. OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes
 - a. Outstanding minutes: December 11, 2025
2. Correspondence
3. Public Comment
4. Street Lights
 - a. Audit
 - b. West Main Street
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
8. Chiefs Report
9. Public Comment
10. Next Meeting Date
 - a. Thursday, January 22, 2026

ADJOURN

The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. Items are listed in their approximate order, and items may be reached earlier or later than the posted order. Items listed for executive session may also be discussed in open session. The listing of items contains those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Persons interested are advised that in the event that any matter taken up at the meeting that remains unfinished at the close of the meeting may be put off to a continued session of the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.