

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Approved
3/12/26

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, February 12, 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 February 12, 2026 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:28 PM

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

I. OPEN SESSION:

MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026 as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale stated that correspondence was submitted to the HFD through the HFD submission "Contact Us" form on 01/21/2026
- Chairperson Cronin said this correspondence was from John Basile (he works for WGBH via WCAI radio) requesting to contact Chairperson Cronin on ongoing apartment and condo construction in downtown Hyannis, MA, he asked if Chairperson Cronin wanted to speak with him
- Chairperson Cronin told him she did not want to make a comment and as a member of the board, the board members do not comment individually regarding an issue, rather the board would only speak as an entity
- Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Atsalis agreed that the board should tell this news outlet that the board does not have a comment
- District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale said there was a request to get alternative contact information for the board members to the public
- Chairperson Cronin, Commissioner Cross, and Commissioner Atsalis said the contact information provided on the HFD website is more than sufficient for the public to contact them with any concerns
- Chairperson Cronin said the board received correspondence from Chief Burke to remain in his current position so the board will need to schedule an agenda item for this discussion
- Commissioner Cross said we will need an executive session to discuss the non-union negotiation

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

- Chairperson Cronin said the Streetlights Agenda Item is important as there a lot of lights that the HFD is paying for in the district with a lot of construction going on within the district too, so we need to keep an eye out for any possible streetlight issues
- Chairperson Cronin said right now there are not any known streetlight issues

a. Audit:

- None

b. West Main:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS (continued):

c. Angell Road:

- None

d. Ocean Avenue:

- None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Budget, Elections, Annual Meeting:

- Chairperson Cronin stated the board review the election and the Annual Meeting timelines
- District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale said the By-law guidelines are on the HFD's website
- District Clerk Treasurer Menesale asked the board if it wanted her to take this item off the agenda list; Chairperson Cronin said to keep this item to make sure this item will be kept up to date for the public
- Chairperson Cronin reminded the board Budget 2027 will be due soon

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR:

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke introduced Captain John Dailey to the board
- Captain John Dailey, from the HFD Training Division, presented an overview of this HFD division for the board
- Captain Dailey said the HFD Training Division is company-based training; there are smaller student and trainer ratios; Captain Dailey said the method is to initially train at the basic level, then add a more complicated skill, the pace is a real-time emergency pace; Captain Dailey said this tiered training helps the crew get comfortable with the skill before their skill is tested by real-time emergency conditions
- Captain Dailey stated the training information is NFPA (National Fire Protection Association®) standards and practices
- Captain Dailey presented actual HFD training day photographs to the board showcasing the various training the HFD has completed
- Captain Dailey detailed the completed training modules, classes, and presentations the HFD has completed such as marine team training; railroad emergency training; electrical vehicle (EV) and battery storage class; active shooting training; professional development presentations, the district's schools and buildings review; commuter rail safety training; and the Plymouth and Brockton bus training
- The board discussed the training available to the HFD and the importance of this training for the safety of the district's citizens and visitors
- Assistant Chief Dardia said the Dive truck work has been finished; the review of the generator will be completed, and then the Dive truck will go operational
- Assistant Dardia said the hiring for the open positions will go live soon, the HFD will put out the open positions' information on the social platforms, a form was created on the HFD website; the plan is to put the requirements online to help interested individuals be able to understand the requirements needed for these positions
- Chief Burke stated there are at least 4 open positions; he said the hiring process will start tomorrow and then he will come back to the board with final candidate numbers
- Chief Burke stated Ladder 2 is a work in process, the team is working on it every day and there is training on it
- Chief Burke said there have been a steady stream of scheduled meetings these past weeks
- Chief Burke stated the award night has been scheduled for March 5, 2026
- Chief Burke gave an update on the regional emergency communication center project; the finalization of the project's design will have a 2027 or 2028 timeframe
- Chief Burke said this building is planned to be next to the police station and it will have lots of technological upgrades
- Chief Burke stated there will be 6 to 8 dispatchers

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 Atsalis: Aye

Adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, HFD Recording Secretary