

Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ 108 Urton Lane
April 21, 2026
Minutes

I. Opening

Chairperson Jim Yates called the special meeting of the Board to order at 3:00 pm at AMFEMS Station #38. Trustees present were Linda Oliver, Grant Hart, Jason Karrer, Andy Downes and Andrea Oser. Trustee Jason Smith arrived prior to the Overtime Policy vote. Also present were Chief Pat Walsh, Executive Deputy Chief Kevin Fletcher, Deputy Chief Mike Sutt, Bryan Dillon, general counsel to the Board, and other AMFEMS members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Andy Downes, second by Grant Hart, to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on March 19, 2026, and the special meeting held on April 8, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Reports

- a. Financial Report ending March 31, 2026. Chief Walsh reviewed the report and entertained questions.
- b. 2027 PVA Assessment. Chief Walsh discussed the PVA assessment of areas 8 and 9, which resulted in a 23% increase in assessed property values.
- c. FY '26-'27 Budget Process. The command staff prepared a Budget Packet Guide which was distributed to the Trustees for their review, with a view towards approving the budget in May. Major Michel advised that personnel costs are 71% of the budget.

IV. Expenditure Request

Chief Walsh requested authorization to purchase one E-One 100' quint at a price of \$1,944,900 (with expected completion in October of 2029) and two E-One engines at a price of \$2,005,580 for both (with expected completion in April of 2029), for a total price of \$3,950,480. Motion by Andy Downes, second by Grant Hart, to approve the requested authorization, including authorizing Chief Walsh to sign for the purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Surplus Equipment

There was no surplus equipment.

VI. Chiefs' Reports - Chief Walsh

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Chief Walsh presented his report and entertained questions. Chief Walsh announced that Major James Hundley was promoted to Fire Marshall and Justin Duncan was promoted to sergeant. Chief Walsh also announced that the baby box blessings will take place on April 24, 2026, at Station 39 at 9 am, and at Station 31 at 2 pm.

VII. Old Business

Policy tabled from last meeting- POL-HR-2800 Overtime Policy. Motion by Andy Downes, second by Jason Karrer, to approve the Overtime Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a. Approval for Financing of Station 36 Project - Finance Committee Recommendation. Chief Walsh discussed various aspects of the Station 36 financing proposal from Republic Bank. A commitment letter from Republic was provided with the Board package. Motion by Andy Downes, second by Linda Oliver, to approve the \$10 million financing package as set out in the Republic commitment letter. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FF Trustee Elections. Trustee Andy Downes announced the candidates for the June firefighter trustee election:

Robert Sumpter
Brandon Paul
Alex Jones
Joey Cooper
Mike Arth

The election will take place June 27, 2026, between 11 pm and 2 pm at Station 31.

c. Cost Recovery Options. Motion by Grant Hart, second by Andy Downes, to table cost recovery options discussion for 90 days. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Policy Edit - POL-EMS-4101 (language change to comply with new legal requirements). Motion by Andy Downes, second by Linda Oliver, to approve the policy edits. Motion passed unanimously.

e. SOP-OPS-3405 Baby Box was provided for notification only.

f. The Ballistic SOG was provided for notification only.

IX. Open Forum

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There were no questions or comments for Open Forum.

X. Executive Session

Motion by Andy Downes, second by Andrea Oser, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f). Motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:44 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:07 pm with no action taken.

XI. Post Executive Session Motions

Motion by Andy Downes, second by Grant Hart, to approve payment of overtime due but not previously paid as per the Deputy Chief Mike Sutt memo of February 5, 2026. The members are to be paid the amounts shown on the memo upon completion of and signing the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Past Due Overtime and Release by the member. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Linda Oliver left the meeting before the vote on this matter.

Motion by Andy Downes, second by Andrea Oser, to approve the expenditure of \$63,000 for demolition at Station 36. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Andy Downes, second by Jason Karrer. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Bryan J. Dillon
General Counsel to the Board

*Supporting documents are available by request through the Fire Protection District.