

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Kaptur Administration Center, 8999 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, Trustees Richard Nogal, Gene Adams, Thomas Bump, and Ed Verdino responded as present.

OTHER PRESENT: Chief Gabriele, Deputy Chief Stukel, Recording Secretary Dana Fischl, Attorney Thomas Courtney, and fire station personnel are also in attendance. Bradley O'Sullivan from Governmental Accounting Inc. is also in attendance via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Nogal asked for a motion to approve the open session minutes of the June 16, 2026, regular meeting, as written. Trustee Verdino made the motion, to which Trustee Bump seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/ DEMONSTRATION:

Nothing to report.

TREASURER REPORT: Bradley O'Sullivan presented the Treasurer's Report explaining the District's Financial Analysis for the 2-month period ending June 30, 2026, and the Summary of Revenue and Expenditures.

Revenue Highlights indicate that we are 17% through the budget year, and 5.3% of the total budget.

- Collected \$305,513, or 4.2% of the budget (No Major Installment(s) from Cook County).
- Collected \$117,048, or 10.2% of the budget, in Ambulance Fees.
- Paid GEMT back to the State in the amount of \$54,847.
- Collected \$6,059, or 20.2% of the budget, in Personal Property Replacement Taxes.
- Collected \$44,988 in interest, or 21.9% of the budget.
- Collected \$1,743, or 5.0% of the budget, for Fire Recovery

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Expenditure Highlights convey that we are at 14.0% of the total budget (excluding transfers).

- Operating expenditure is \$1,215,080 or 13.6% of the budget.
- We have made 2 of 12 Health Insurance Payments.
- Paid Personnel is \$866,654 or 14.9% of the budget.
- Debt Service & Capital Expenditures: \$3,580 or 0.8% of the budget.

President Nogal stated that the district had \$426,528.35 in payroll, including \$86,454.35 in overtime, and \$111,993.11 in accounts payable. President Nogal asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Adams made that motion, and Trustee Verdino seconded. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF REPORT:

The board acknowledged receiving Chief Gabriele's report as presented. The board acknowledged the Deputy Chief's response times report as presented. Discussion ensued.

INVESTMENT REPORT:

Nothing to report.

TRAINING REPORT:

The board acknowledged receiving Deputy Chief Stukel's June 2026 Training Report and response times as presented.

LOCAL #4480 UNION REPORT: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of Facility Maintenance/Improvement Plan Schedule**
- b. Discussion of Establishing Strategic Planning Goals for the District**
- c. Discussion of Community Relations Programs**

Brief discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interviews & possible board action on filling the Fire Commissioner Vacancy.

Trustee Nogal asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss issues concerning personnel, contract, full-time negotiations, and/or matters of legal counsel and possible litigation at 7:42 pm. Trustee Verdino made that motion, and Trustee Bump seconded. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

Return to Open Session at 8:35 pm.

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Trustee Nogal asked for a motion concerning the Fire Commissioner position for the Palos Fire Protection District. Trustee Verdino made a motion to nominate Mr. Sean Hunt. That motion was seconded by Trustee Bump. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to bring before the Board, President Nogal moved to adjourn the open session at 8:36 pm. Trustee Verdino made that motion, and Trustee Bump seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Station 1, 8815 W. 123rd Street.

 _____ Richard J. Nogal	 _____ Thomas Bump
 _____ Melissa Gracias	 _____ Thomas Bump
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