

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie at the Palos Fire Protection District, Station 1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, Trustees Kevin McCurrie, Gene Adams, Richard Nogal, Todd Thielmann, and Ed Verdino responded as present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee McCurrie moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, open session as written. Trustee Adams made the motion, to which Trustee Thielmann seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

Trustee McCurrie moved to approve the November 18, 2025, closed session minutes as written. Trustee Nogal made the motion, to which Trustee Verdino seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Bradley O'Sullivan presented the Treasurer's Report and did an excellent job of explaining the District's Financial Analysis for the 7 months ending November 30, 2025, and the Summary of Revenue and Expenditures.

Revenue Highlights indicate that we are 58% through the budget year and 16.0% of the total budget.

- Collected \$0 or 0% of the budget (No Major Installment(s) from Cook County).
- Collected \$622,029 or 54.7% of the budget in Ambulance Fees.

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- Collected \$17,086 or 42.7% of the budget in Personal Property Replacement Taxes.
- Collected \$180,057 in interest, or 109.1% of the budget.
- Collected \$29,379 or 117.5% of the budget in Fire Recovery

Expenditure Highlights convey that we are at 55.0% of the total budget (excluding transfers).

- Operating expenditure is \$4,905,251 or 55.8% of the budget.
- We have made 8 of 12 Health Insurance Payments.
- Paid Personnel is \$3,347,729 or 61.7 % of the budget.
- Debt Service & Capital Expenditures: \$129,123 or 30.9% of the budget.
 - St 2 Roof and Skylights = \$91,400
 - Station Alerting Installation = \$23,145
 - Ambulance 10 Loan=\$10,000 (9 of 10)

President McCurrie stated that the district had \$382,758.04 in payroll and \$127,551.84 in accounts payable. President McCurrie asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Thielmann seconded. The motion was carried by a roll-call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

Special Presentation: Executive Director Martin Bennett Cook County Dispatch:

Matthew Carlson, Director of Support Services, and Chris Lienhardt, Director of Fire Operations, presented to the board in descriptive detail how the operations work at the Cook County Dispatch Center.

Martin Bennett was unable to attend this meeting.

Discussion ensued.

CHIEF REPORT:

- The district is still on track to reach 3500 calls with 3365 total responses for the year. On December 6, 2025, black shift responded to a structure fire at 10504 Bernice Drive. Companies encountered a basement fire in a tri-level home in a rural water area of our district. They successfully established a water supply 600 feet from an Orland Park hydrant. They limited the alarm to first-due companies and extinguished the fire without incident or injury. Damages are estimated to be more than \$200,000.00. The fire was determined to be electrical in origin.
- BPAS has now officially taken over as the 115 Trust Fund Administrator. The transition went smoothly, and we have already seen a significant improvement in customer service and support.
- Portable radios have now reached a critical level and will be necessary to budget in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, or strong consideration given to the technological advantages of the Cook County Dispatch. The estimated cost of replacement is \$200,000.00.

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- Both fire stations are still in need of repair, and consideration should be given to a short and long-term comprehensive plan to cure the functional obsolescence and aging buildings. Most recently, several garage door openers have failed and been replaced due to parts no longer being available. The concrete bay floor at station 1 remains in poor condition, and most recently, cold joints in the bay were patched with polyurethane caulk to prevent water intrusion into the basement.
- Work has now been restarted on 123rd, and the Village believes it should be open again by the end of the year.
- The district would like to thank the Palos Park Woman's Club for their generous donation of \$500.00.

A brief discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS: Approve the 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to approve the 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Trustee Adams made that motion, and Trustee Verdino seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

A brief discussion ensued.

Trustees requested a "Go Live" date for CCS IGA, and a 1st payment date.
A brief discussion ensued.

Trustee Nogal mentioned a comprehensive plan for station remodel.
A brief discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to bring before the Board, President McCurrie moved to adjourn the open session at 8:14 pm. Trustee Thielmann made that motion, and Trustee Nogal 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, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m.





