

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Palos Fire Protection District was called to order on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Staszczuk at Station #1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, the following Commissioners responded as present: Commissioner Stevens and Commissioner Staszczuk. Commissioner Bump was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Michael Gabriele and recording Secretary Dana Fischl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Commissioner Staszczuk asked for a Motion to approve the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Session Minutes of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Staszczuk made that motion, and Commissioner Stevens seconded. By call of the roll, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Staszczuk made a motion to approve the final list for the Lieutenant promotional process. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- b. Commissioner Staszczuk made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appointment for Daniel Duffy to Lieutenant. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- c. Commissioner Staszczuk made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appointment for Brin Vlcek to Battalion Chief. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- d. Commissioner Staszczuk made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appointment for William Stukel to Deputy Chief. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- e. Commissioner Staszczuk made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appointment for Michael Gabriele to Fire Chief. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the motion passed.
- f. Discussion on starting Battalion Chief promotional testing.

Chief Gabriele stated that the current list is exhausted and expires in June 2026.

2 people are interested in taking the Battalion Chief exam.

It was decided to split the weighting factors in half.

There may be a need to schedule another special Commissioners' meeting after March 20th.
Chief Gabriele to advise the board if need be.

We currently have 2 FF/PM vacancies.

Brief discussion ensued.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to bring before the Board, Commissioner Staszczuk moved to adjourn the Board of Commissioners' special meeting of February 23, 2026, at 10:10 am. Commissioner Stevens seconded that motion. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10 am.




