

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2026
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Bernacchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on May 4, 2026, at 9:30AM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

Chief Dan Tasso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Commissioner John Bernacchi, and Commissioner George Rimbo, Commissioner Jay Nickleski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Dan Tasso.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to approve February 2nd, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Tasso reported that Commissioner Nickleski's three-year term was approved at the April 16th Board of Trustees meeting. This term begins in June 2026 and runs through May of 2029. Chief Tasso informed the Commissioners that the three probationary firefighters, Irwin McWilliams, Coulter are progressing well and are tentatively scheduled to be sworn in at the May 21st Trustee meeting. Chief Tasso reported two members have returned from long term disability and there are 2 members off on short term disability. Chief Tasso anticipates hiring three from a new established list, increasing staffing from 36 to 39 firefighters with the goal of reducing the use of jump companies.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Tasso explained the options of selecting a new testing company to administer the written and oral interviews. He has received quotes from IO Solutions, Public Safety Testing, and Stanard. Chief clarified each of the company's involvement in the testing process and gave his recommendation to work with the National Testing Network. Chief Tasso explained that the National Testing Network will take on administrative tasks, facilitate a new process of video interviews and that online testing ensures a subjective component. Commissioners would still have an option to hold the final interviews as a last stop background.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to approve National Testing Network as the approved testing vendor for the firefighter eligibility written test, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion took place of the anticipated timeline for the firefighter eligibility testing process. No action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to approve the preference points for the firefighter eligibility written test; No change; One point will be awarded to Lemont residents that apply to test, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to approve the weight on the firefighter eligibility test as 70% written and 30% oral, for the firefighter eligibility written test, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to appoint 3 to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic Irwin, McWilliams, Coulter, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM on a motion made by Commissioner Rimbo, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is/amended by the Board of Fire Commissioners on the day ____ of____, 2026.

John Bernacchi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

George Rimbo, Secretary