

Enfield Fire District No. 1  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Vincent Grady

Attendees for the Board:

William Moran	Sean McGuire
Gary Castle	Maureen Brennan
Vincent Grady	Paul Benis
Patrick Droney	Paul Meunier
Christopher Foley	

Chief Edward Richards and Deputy Chief William Higgins were also present.

**1st Public Comment:**

none

**Communication and Reports:**

The minutes from the February 19, 2026 Regular Commission meeting were reviewed. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran to accept the minutes with amendments (last name spelling correction & add action to the motion) and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal's report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer's Report was reviewed and discussed. The Dept. is participating in the active shooter training hosted by the EPD. President Grady asked if any special equipment would be needed for our Fire Fighters for active shooter scenarios and the Deputy Chief Higgins advised we will not. Motion by Gary Castle and second by Paul Benis to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Richards advised that health insurance rates are increasing by 11.5% next year. Commissioner Foley recommended we choose a no-fee option for investment bearing accounts next time as there are some available. Motion by Paul Meunier and second by Maureen Brennan to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Foley inquired about the expected OT costs for the remainder of the year and the Chief acknowledged it will be high.

Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

### **Committee Reports:**

President Grady assigned three people to meet with the Chief regarding the budget and to report back to the commission stating that a smaller group can analyze better and then update the Board.

President Grady questioned if we need the MAC Committee and we discussed it's purpose and have left it in place for now.

### **Board Member Comments:**

President Grady and Paul Meunier – Welcomed the new Administrative Assistant, Jessica Paturso

William Moran commended the Fire Fighters he saw shoveling snow on a path during a call so that the ambulance stretcher could pass.

Vice President Patrick Droney thanked the department for their efforts during the winter storms and the leadership for ensuring there was ample coverage.

Maureen Brennan thanked those who helped cover the admin duties while the role was being filled.

### **Old Business:**

The non-union PTO policy was reviewed. Revisions will be made and it will be brought back to the Board.

### **New Business:**

The filling of the open FF position was discussed. Motion by William Moran and second by Vice President Patrick Droney that the Chief Richards and Deputy Chief Higgins move forward with the hiring process and job posting. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran that the Commission take a position against Raised Bill No. 5253 of the General Assembly affecting the Fire Districts in the state. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

President Grady advised that we will accept nominations at the next regular meeting for the three fire commissioners (Brennan, Benis, and Moran) having their three-year terms expire this year.

Commissioner Moran noted that the two chairs in the day room at Station Two need to be replaced and the floor is uneven creating a potential hazard.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:54p.m. by Vice President Droney and second by Maureen Brennan.  
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer