

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 Randolph Road | Middletown, CT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Held at the firehouse and via Zoom - Meeting I.D. 844 4383 3267

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Thazhampallath, and Gregorio; Chief Trzaski and Deputy Chief Fischer

Absent: Commissioners Giuliano and Pessina

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

3. ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 7:08 p.m. There were no members of the public present.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:08 p.m.

6. MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED

a. Regular Monthly Meeting of November 10, 2025

The minutes were accepted as presented.

b. Special Meeting of November 24, 2025

The minutes were accepted as presented.

7. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2025

a. Tax Refunds

MOTION to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,830.32 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Gregorio. Unanimously approved.

b. Tax Collector's Reports

The Tax Collector's Reports were accepted as presented.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Monthly Expense Detail: October and November 2025

b. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual: July 2025 through November 2025

c. Cash Balance Report: November 2025

The financial reports were accepted as presented.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Trzaski and Deputy Chief Fischer provided an overview of their reports. 4,000 pounds of food was collected by Local 3918 at the Thanksgiving food drive at Big Y. The internship for the University of New Haven student will end on 12/11/25. It was a valuable experience for both the department and the student. Three seniors from Coginchaug Regional High School will soon begin their internships at SFD. The department helped unload 10,000 wreaths at State Veterans Cemetery in preparation for the Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath laying on 12/13/25. The department participated in all the Veteran's Day events in

Middletown. At least ten families will benefit from the union's Adopt-a-Family program, which is spearheaded by Firefighter Mike Davis-Penta.

Marine 3 is currently being painted and we expect new pictures to be coming soon. Delivery of the boat is expected in the spring and in service mid-summer. The driveway paving and painting and signage are complete. An additional handicap space has been added.

OSHA mandated aerial and ladder testing is complete. Annual physicals started today.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2025

a. Building Committee: Commissioner Thazhampallath

This item will be removed from the agenda.

b. Pension Committee: Commissioner Gregorio

Commissioner Gregorio advised that everything is moving forward as planned. The paperwork has been submitted to Lincoln Financial. He would like the committee to meet more than two times a year.

c. Public Safety Telecommunications: Commissioner Giuliano – Commissioner Giuliano was not present to provide an overview. The reports were included in the meeting packet.

d. Riverfront Redevelopment Update: Commissioner Pessina – Commissioner Pessina was not present to provide an overview.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. District Economic Development Updates

Sushi Man and Lucy's Luncheonette are getting rave reviews. The Forge is continuing to develop. There is activity at the former Jon's Restaurant on Saybrook Road. Brake Pro on Main Street Extension bought the building next to it and will be used for a gas station/convenience store. Forest City Merchants is now open (formerly Estate Treasures).

12. NEW BUSINESS

A firefighter will be leaving the department within a month. The chiefs will begin the process of an entry level test. The next CT Fire Academy Recruit Class begins on 2/10/26, which makes the timing challenging. They spoke of various scenarios for the hiring process and will keep the commission updated.

13. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 7:38 p.m. There were no members of the public present.

14. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:38 p.m.

Chief Trzaski updated the commission on the planning of the commissioner election.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary

ACCEPTED 1/12/2026

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