

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 Randolph Road | Middletown, CT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Held at the firehouse and via Zoom - Meeting I.D. 848 6075 8742

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Pessina, and Thazhampallath (arrived at 7:04 p.m.);
Chief Trzaski, Deputy Chief Fischer

Absent: Commissioner Gregorio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 7:02 p.m.

Dan Penney, Chamberlain Hill Road

Mr. Penney expressed concerns regarding department expenditures for the Adopt-a-Firefighter graduation refreshments, the lack of public notice for the budget information session, and the inclusion of residential addresses in monthly incident reports.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:07 p.m.

6. MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED

- a. Regular Monthly Meeting of May 11, 2026**
- b. Budget Workshop of May 14, 2026**
- c. Budget Public Hearing/Adoption of Budget & Setting of the Mill Rate of May 21, 2026**

The minutes were all accepted as presented.

7. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS – MAY 2026

a. Tax Collector's Reports

The Tax Collector's Reports were accepted as presented.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS – MAY 2026

The financial reports were accepted as presented.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – MAY 2026

Chief Trzaski and Deputy Chief Fischer provided an overview of the administrative reports.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – MAY 2026

a. Public Safety Telecommunications: Commissioner Giuliano

Commissioner Giuliano provided an overview of the report.

b. Riverfront Redevelopment Update: Commissioner Pessina

Commissioner Pessina provided a brief update on the remediation of the Peterson Oil property and Jackson Corrugated.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. District Economic Development Updates** – nothing new to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of possible cancellation of the July and/or August Regular Monthly Meetings**

No changes were made to the meeting schedule.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to go into executive session pursuant to Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-225(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, for an evaluation of the deputy fire chief by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

Executive session began at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Pessina, and Thazhampallath; Chief Trzaski

Executive session ended at 8:20 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 8:23 p.m. by Chairwoman Kleckowski.

No action was taken.

14. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 8:23 p.m.

Dan Penney

Mr. Penney expressed his hope that Pension Committee meetings and minutes are posted in compliance with the CT FOIA. He noted that certain district electors possess expertise in these matters and could serve as valuable resources. Mr. Penney recommended that Legal Service Agreements (LSA) be mandated and that the district revisit and implement a comprehensive Code of Ethics policy.

15. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:42 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Alyse McEwen

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Recording Secretary

ACCEPTED 7/13/2026

The recording of this meeting is available on request, according to Connecticut Freedom of Information Act requirements.