

**SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 RANDOLPH ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457**

**Board of Fire Commissioners
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Held at the firehouse and available via Zoom - Meeting ID 878 9516 0360

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Thazhampallath (arrived at 6:07 p.m.) and Pessina; Chief Trzaski, Deputy Chief Fischer; members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Dan Penney

Mr. Penney expressed his concerns regarding not having a certified list of voters who have lived in the district for at least six months as stated in Section 10 of the Charter and the lack of the use of voting machines. He said it's a disservice to the residents to not provide for early voting, shortened voting hours, and the lack of absentee ballots. He urged the commission to suspend the referendum until a formal by-laws review committee is established.

Commissioner Giuliano advised that the by-laws refer to the statutes at the time the by-laws were written/amended. He does not believe we are required to have early voting. Commissioner Giuliano agrees the by-laws need to be amended but after a full review by a by-law committee. He suggested the meeting adjourn without action.

4. VOTING TO AMEND THE SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN'S EXISTING BY-LAWS TO REPEAL ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, VOTING PROCEDURES

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Alyse McEwen

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Recording Secretary

ACCEPTED 5/13/24

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