

TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Work Session Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2026 - 7pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting, N.J.S.A 10:46-6 seq., was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with provisions of the Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

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Meeting Called to Order

Comm. Painter called April 9, 2026, Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm.

Roll Call: Present: Comm. Painter, Comm. Field, Comm. Johnson and Comm. Scully
Absent: Comm. Ciasca

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public and this portion of the meeting was closed.

New Members - There were no new members received.

Appointments/Oath of Office – There were no appointments or oaths taken.

Old Business

At this time a review of the progress that has been made regarding the 2024 Master Plan and 2025 Strategic Plan was held. Adm. Fazekas provided the Board with a written progress report and advised that a digital version is also available. The review was broken into three sections as follows: Near Term: Less than 5 years, Medium Term: 5-10 years and Long Term: More than 10 years. There are 36 recommendations to be addressed within the three sections. Adm. Fazekas reviewed all 36 recommendations and the status of each recommendation related to the 2024 Master Plan.

A short discussion was held regarding recommendation #18: A formal orientation program for new fire commissioners. Comm. Johnson commented that being the newest commissioner he would like to go through this program to be able to provide some insight on its effectiveness. Comm. Painter suggested that we all do the same to be able to better evaluate the program.

Adm. Fazekas commented on recommendation #22: Expand the use of social media as a part of its recruitment and retention program. Adm. Fazekas stated that we currently have upgraded our website to be able to fill out and receive membership applications by email. He also stated that the

website itself has been improved with additional detailed information regarding the department and stations.

Comm. Painter commented on recommendation #33: Achieve Accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Adm. Fazekas stated that once we have appropriate career staffing in place we can examine this recommendation. Comm. Painter commented that she has experience with this and it is a major undertaking, but it is worth the effort. Adm. Fazekas commented as to the advantages to department to become an accredited fire department.

A review of the 2025 Strategic Plan was held beginning with Staffing: Career and Volunteer. Chief Leshner thanked the Board for approving the improved duty crew program. Comm. Johnson suggested that we look at what other towns are offering in relation to stipends for our volunteers. Adm. Fazekas thanked the officers for supporting the new changes.

Adm. Fazekas advised the Board on a few items: The civil service list has been updated, and we are moving forward with our next hire. He also commented that the fire safety trailer is on GovDeals.com and the bidding starts on April 20th. The contract with Burlington County ESTC for 3035 has been sent over for their legal department to review, we are waiting for its approval, and we have made a few minor changes to our website including the fire prevention portion.

New Business - No discussion was held.

Good of the Board - No discussion was held.

Closed Session – There was no Closed Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Comm. Field and seconded by Comm. Johnson to adjourn the meeting; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.