

# St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

## Board of Commissioners

### Special Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were done.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Brackett and Commissioners Rich, McDowell, Powell and Davis were present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (none)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recognitions:**

**Retirement:** William Dekemel

**Swear Ins:** Communications Officers Kionne Bishop and Larry Martin

**Promotions:** Fire Operator Alexis Molero

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### 1. Chief's Report

##### a) Significant Monthly Events

- Ethics/ Sexual Harassment Training/ Financial Disclosure
- St. 10-
  - Conducted onsite pre-bid meeting on 2/5/26 (24 contractors attended)
  - Bid opening extended from 2/19/26 to 2/26/26

b) **Operations Reports** – Chief of Operations Gross discussed the “Operations” report (January) which covers YTD call totals, Hydrants Inspected, NFIRS Incidents, Dollar Loss/ Dollar Save (by Station location), Average Response Time (by Station) and EMS Call Type and Number of Incidents.

c) **Maintenance Report**- Chief of Operations Gross discussed the “Maintenance” report (January) which covered preventative maintenances and major repairs performed.

Chief of Operations Gross stated that we offered employment to a mechanic.

d) **Fire Prevention Report**- Chief of Fire Prevention Marquette discussed the monthly “Fire Prevention” report (January) which included Inspections, Public Fire Safety & Education Events, Investigations, and Economic Impact.

e) **Training Report** – Chief of Training Harrison discussed the monthly “Training” report (January) which included Classes, Certifications and Revenues.

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**f) Communications Report** – Chief of Communications Parish discussed the monthly “Communications” report (January) which included call volume and statistics.

**g) General Comments-**

- Recruit Class started Feb. 3 (17 recruits)
- Gala- Apr. 25
- SWAT Medics- 2 personnel will join Sheriff’s Office
- Staffing Vacancies
  - Suppression- 0
  - Communications- 1

**Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the Chief’s report. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2) SFFA (Slidell Firefighters Association) – (none)**

**3) PMI Accounting-** Mrs. Gaudin discussed the January financial report.

Chief Kaufmann stated that FRS is giving retirees a 3% COLA, and the employer contribution rate will decrease to 30% (currently 33.25%)

**Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the January financial report. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4) PMI Report –**

- a) **Employee Benefits** – (none)
- b) **Human Resources** – (none)

1) 2026-005: BOC Resolution (Approve Revision to CSB to Modify the Chief of Operations Classification- Competitive)

**Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-005, Relating to the CSB Revising the Chief of Operations Classification for District No. 1. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion.**

The floor was open for public comment. There was no public comment.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

2) 2026-007: BOC Resolution (Approve LLA Per Diem and Travel Expense)

**Commissioner Rich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-007, Relating to the Adoption of the 2026 LLA Reimbursement Requirements for District No. 1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.**

The floor was open for public comment. There was no public comment.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

3) 2026-008: BOC Resolution (Professional Services Vote of Confidence- Human Resource & Commercial Insurance)

**Commissioner Powell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-008, Relating to the Vote of Confidence for Providers of Professional Human Resource & Commercial Insurance Services for District No. 1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.**

The floor was open for public comment. There was no public comment.

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*The motion carried unanimously.*

- 4) 2026-009: BOC Resolution (Professional Services Vote of Confidence- Professional General Accounting & Write-up Service)

*Commissioner Powell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-009, Relating to the Vote of Confidence for Professional General Accounting Services for District No. 1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.*

The floor was open for public comment. There was no public comment.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

- 5) 2026-010: BOC Resolution (Professional Services Vote of Confidence- Legal Services)

*Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-010, Relating to the Vote of Confidence for Professional Services (Legal Services) for District No. 1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.*

The floor was open for public comment. There was no public comment.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

- 6) Release for Review: Employee Handbook, SOP's & SOG's Revisions
- 7) Fire Chief Evaluation- Due 3/6/2026
- 8) General Comments
- c) **Payroll** – (none)
- d) **FRS (Firefighters Retirement System)** – General Comments
- e) **VFIS Special Risk Insurance & LWCC**- VFIS Renewal Questionnaire

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the PMI report. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**5) Attorney's Report-**

1. Attended Pre-Bid Conference
2. Handling a couple record requests
3. Unit 110 accident
4. Assessor office issue is still ongoing

*Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the PMI report. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**6) Board of Commissioner Comments**

- o BOC Action Items Review- There was a brief discussion on the June and Oct. meetings due to election conflicts, meeting can either be on 5<sup>th</sup> floor or change the dates.

*Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*

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