

St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes August 18, 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 and Davis were present.
Commissioner Powell resigned from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Chief's Report

a) Significant Monthly Events

- Hancock Whitney Renewal Proposal- Resolution under "PMI"
- St. 10- Chief Kaufmann stated that the slab was poured and the project is on schedule.
- Radio Grant- Chief Kaufmann stated that the St. Tammany fire districts received a grant for portable radios, valued at \$2.168M, and we are responsible for \$24,000.
- Training Academy Fuel Pump – replacement cost is \$14,000.00
- St. 17- A/C replacement cost is \$29,000.

- b) **Operations Reports** – Chief of Operations Gross discussed the monthly "Operations" report (July) 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 monthly "Maintenance" report (July) which covered preventative maintenances and major repairs performed.
- d) **Fire Prevention Report**- Chief of Fire Prevention Marquette discussed the monthly "Fire Prevention" report (July) which included Inspections, Public Fire Safety & Education Events, Investigations, and Economic Impact.
- e) **Training Report** – Training Officer Dudenhefer discussed the monthly "Training" report (July) which included Classes, Certifications and Revenues.

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- f) **Communications Report** – Asst. Chief of Communications Smith discussed the monthly “Communications” report (July) which included call volume and statistics.

g) **General Comments-**

- Staffing Vacancies
 - Suppression- 0
 - Communications- 1

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the Chief’s report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the July financial report. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4) **PMI Report –**

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

- 1) 2026-027: BOC Resolution (Approve Financial Services Institution- Hancock Whitney Bank)

Commissioner Rich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-027, Relating to the Approval to Extend Hancock Whitney Financial Services for District No. 1. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) 2026-028: BOC Resolution (Approve Pay Scale Adjustment)

Commissioner Rich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-028, Relating to the Approval of the 2026 Pay Scale Adjustment 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) 2026-029: BOC Resolution (Approve OT Recognition for Sick Leave Work Related Injury or Illness)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-029, Relating to the Approval of Overtime for Work Related Sick Leave or District No. 1. Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

- c) **Payroll** – (none)
- d) **FRS (Firefighters Retirement System)** – (none)
- e) **VFIS Special Risk Insurance & LWCC-** (none)

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

5) Attorney's Report- Chief Kaufmann stated that we just won the appeal, which Attorney Danenhower is currently attending. He further stated that Attorney Danenhower has assisted with record requests, including attending a meeting regarding our pay structure.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to accept the Attorney report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6) Board of Commissioner Comments- Chairman Brackett thanked the members for their continued community involvement.

Chairman Brackett stated that Commissioner Powell resigned from the Board and if anyone is questioned regarding the resignation, please defer to Chief Kaufmann or himself.

Chief Kaufmann stated that former Commissioner Shannon Davis passed away and his services were last Saturday; he acknowledged his board service and involvement with the department.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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