

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE COMMISSION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1) OPENING OF MEETING

Chairman Fortune called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

2) ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Althoff and Brian Fortune

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ray Dyck

OFFICERS PRESENT

Chief Andrew Politsch and Deputy Chief Tony Dinges

3) GUESTS PRESENT

None

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5) ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Althoff motioned to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Fortune. Roll Call: Althoff – Yes, Fortune – Yes, and Dyck - Absent. Motion passed.

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) October 20, 2025 General Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Althoff motioned to approve the October 20, 2025 General Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied. Seconded by Commissioner Fortune. Roll call: Fortune – Yes, Althoff – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed.

B) December 4, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Fortune motioned to approve the December 4, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied. Seconded by Commissioner Althoff. Roll call: Fortune – Yes, Althoff – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed.

- C) *December 4, 2025 Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Fortune motioned to approve the December 4, 2025 Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied with the provision they remain closed. Seconded by Commissioner Althoff. Roll call: Fortune – Yes, Althoff – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed*

7) *CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None*

8) *BUSINESS*

- A) *Reorganization of the Board of Fire Commissioners – Commission Althoff motioned to appoint Commissioner Fortune as Chairman. Second by Commission Fortune. Roll Call: Fortune – Yes, Althoff – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed.*

Commissioner Fortune motioned to appoint Commissioner Althoff as Secretary. Second by Commissioner Althoff. Roll Call: Fortune – Yes, Althoff – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed.

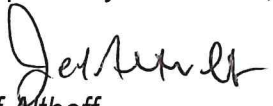
- B) *Discussion and possible action on Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Tapes – In accordance with the open meetings act, meeting tapes with approved minutes can be destroyed 18 months after approval. The following were slotted for destruction: January 10, 2023, January 19, 2023, January 10, 2024, January 11, 2024, January 15, 2024, and February 5, 2024. Commissioner Fortune motioned to destroy the closed session meeting tapes as presented. Second by Commissioner Althoff. Roll Call: Althoff – Yes, Fortune – Yes, and Dyck – Absent Motion passed.*

- C) *Discussion and possible action on Lieutenant Promotional Process Including Dates and Times for the Process – Chief informed the Commission that he has met with Mike Figolah and is working on dates to begin the process, which will follow the same guidelines as the 2023 Promotional Process. The current list will expire in October of this year. Oral interviews need to be conducted with the Commissioners and Chiefs, and a date needs to be selected. A discussion ensued. Commission Althoff motioned to proceed with the Lieutenants Promotional Process as discussed with Oral Interviews to be held on September 9, 2026. Additionally, Chief Politsch is authorized to approve, sign and post all scoring documents except for the Final List. Roll Call: Althoff – Yes, Fortune – Yes, and Dyck – Absent. Motion passed.*

6) *ADJOURN*

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Fortune made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Althoff. Roll call: Althoff – Yes, Dyck – Absent, and Fortune - Yes. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeff Althoff
Secretary