

Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting

June 25, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 N Main Street, Bristol, CT

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Commissioners Dana Jandreau, Hal Kilby, Anthony Benvenuto, and Sandra Bogdanski, Council Member Peter Kelley, and Fire Chief Richard Hart.

Absent: Commissioner Sean Moore

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu at 6:00 pm.

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- a. Chief Hart recognized Deputy Chief Mark Martin on his retirement from the Bristol Fire Department following 40 years of dedicated service.

3. PROMOTIONS

- a. Captain Nicholas Cutler was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief.
- b. Lieutenant Steven Barnosky was promoted to the rank of Captain.
- c. Firefighter Michael Marek was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
- d. Firefighter Christopher Stone was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
 - On motion of Commissioner Kilby, seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto, it was unanimously voted: To break for a two-minute recess to allow for pictures.
 - On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, seconded by Commissioner Bogdanski, it was unanimously voted: To resume the meeting at 6:17 pm.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. None.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Chief Hart shared an email he received from Bristol Police Officer Connor Hogan. In this email, Officer Hogan expressed his appreciation for members on scene who navigated a patient safely down a spiral staircase from a loft area. Members were Lieutenant Nathan England, Lieutenant Deven Yudelson, Firefighter Ryan Chapin, Firefighter Jordan Terrier, Firefighter Lawrence Rossi, Firefighter Stephen Palin, and Firefighter James Pavelchak. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu requested that the email be placed in their personnel files.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, seconded by Commissioner Kilby, it was unanimously

voted: To approve the May 28, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS

- a. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, seconded by Commissioner Bogdanski, it was unanimously voted: To approve the May monthly reports.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Fire Station 3 Building Committee

- Chief Hart shared that they are wrapping up any final details and punch list items, all of which are minor. He advised that the project is under budget by an estimated \$220,000.00 and there will be a final meeting to close out the project sometime in the fall.
 - On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto, it was unanimously voted: To place the committee report on file.

b. Personnel Committee

- Commissioner Jandreau advised a request for retirement was received by Firefighter Scott Pouton to be effective January 7, 2027.
 - On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, and seconded by Commissioner Kilby, it was unanimously voted: To accept the request for retirement of Firefighter Scott Poulton, effective January 7, 2027, and forward to the Retirement Board and the Comptroller's Office.
- Commissioner Jandreau shared that the upcoming Fire Academy would begin on August 31, 2026, and advised that the board overhire a candidate to put through the academy, as the next several candidates on the list are non-certified.
 - On motion of Commissioner Bogdanski and seconded by Commissioner Jandreau, it was unanimously voted: To over-hire a candidate for the anticipated line vacancy created by the retirement of Scott Poulton.
- Commissioner Jandreau put forward candidate Joshua Greco for consideration of appointment to the board. He shared that he is a Bristol resident.
 - On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was unanimously voted: To consider candidate Joshua Greco for appointment pending the successful completion of a pre-employment screening.
- Commissioner Jandreau put forward candidate Christopher Drouin for consideration of appointment to the board. He shared that Christopher is a Bristol resident.
 - On motion of Commissioner Jandreau, and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was unanimously voted: To consider candidate

Christopher Drouin for appointment pending the successful completion of a pre-employment screening.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Charter Revision Discussion

- Mayor Zoppo-Sassu shared that a formal request for charter revision has been received by Corp Counsel, and Retired Corporation Counsel Attorney Richard Lacey will chair the committee. The committee is to be made up of seven members. City Council members will each appoint a member to the committee following party lines. The committee is expected to be formed in August and begin in September. The committee will work for nine months and have items prepared for the November ballot.

b. CPAT Center

- Mayor Zoppo-Sassu shared that she and Justin Malley from ECD met with the owners of the Cross Street parcel, and the committee is working on refining design plans for the building. The state is looking into the potential reallocation of funds from a project that was proposed and never fulfilled. They are hoping those funds will be reallocated to this project, and she will keep the board updated.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. None.

11. ADJOURN

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- On motion of Commissioner Kilby and seconded by Commissioner Bogdanski, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Recording Secretary: Sara Bianchi

