



MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Date Taken: August 27, 2026

Commissioner's Present

- Bobby Bass
- Hazel Alexander
- Eddie Nunnery
- Ben Bell
- Patricia Woods

Call to Order and Quorum Verified

Vice Chair Hazel Alexander called the Special Called Board Meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Vice Chair Alexander verified that all five members of the Chester Fire District Board of Commissioners were present and confirmed that a quorum was established.

Invocation / Prayer

Invocation and prayer were conducted.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Approval of Agenda

During approval of the agenda, Commissioner Ben Bell requested that Public Comments be added to the agenda.

Ben Bell made a motion to amend the agenda to include Public Comments.

The motion was seconded.

A Call for Vote by Vice Chair Alexander and the Motion carried 5-0.

Vacation Time Carried Over from the City of Chester

The Board discussed vacation time previously earned by employees while employed by the City of Chester prior to the Chester Fire District's transition to independent operations.

Commissioner Bobby Bass made a motion to recognize eligible vacation time carried over from the employees' previous City of Chester employment, subject to verification and validation by the District's accounting team.

Upon validation and approval, the verified vacation balance will be added to each eligible employee's vacation balance in eight quarterly installments, beginning after validation and continuing over approximately the next 24 months.

The motion was seconded.

A Call for Vote by Vice Chair Alexander and the Motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of SOP / SOG

Commissioner Ben Bell made a motion to adopt the current Chester Fire District Standard Operating Procedures / Standard Operating Guidelines (SOP/SOG).

The motion was seconded.

A Call for Vote by Vice Chair Alexander and the Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

The following individuals addressed the Board during Public Comments:

- Brady Bell
- David Dutton
- Christian Roman
- Michael Waits
- Senator Everett Stubbs

Executive Session

Commissioner Bobby Bass made a motion to enter Executive Session.

The motion was seconded.

A Call for Vote by Vice Chair Alexander and the Motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:25 PM for discussion concerning:

- Personnel matters involving District leadership staff;
- Legal matters pertaining to the City of Chester and Chester City Council;
- Factual information concerning the Chester Fire District's transition to independent operations; and
- Discussion with Senator Everett Stubbs related to the matters presented during Executive Session.

Return to Regular Session

Commissioner Ben Bell made a motion to return to Regular Session.

The motion was seconded.

A Call for Vote by Vice Chair Alexander and the Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:48 PM.

The Executive Session was for informational and discussion purposes only.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Called Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.