St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
April 16, 2026

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on April 16, 2026, at Station 46: 240 Sears Ave, Louisville, KY 40207.

Board members present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Jim Seiler, Trustee Dr. Gwendolyn Blue, Trustee Alan Lewis (arrived at 4:12 PM), Trustee Brendan Montgomery, and Trustee Aaron Nilsson.

Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Deputy Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Human Resource Director Michael Frantz, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Christine Kesler, Administrative Assistant Erin Grant, and Major Josh Lewis.

Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The minutes for the March 19, 2026 board meeting were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Seiler provided the treasurer's report by referencing the *Comments to Financials* distributed in the board package. Accountant Christine Kesler noted additional detail was provided in the report regarding capital expenditures, including a breakdown of board-approved unbudgeted items currently in progress.

Approval of the March expenditures were motioned by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Motion Carried.

Old Business

HB 682 – An update was provided on HB 682, which relates to residency requirements for fire protection district board of trustees. Due to conflicting information regarding the bill's status, no action was taken. Additional information will be obtained and provided to the board.

New Business

FY 2026-2027 Budget – Chief Clark provided an initial update regarding the FY 2026-2027 budget. The preliminary assessment from the PVA indicates an approximate 11.7% increase over the prior year, reflecting assessments in portions of the district. Staff has begun preliminary budget planning and will work with Treasurer Seiler and Accountant Kesler to develop the proposed budget. A preliminary budget is expected to be presented at the May meeting, with approval anticipated at the June meeting.

Fire & EMS Operation Report

EMS Report –

Paramedic Hiring Process – Chief Clark provided an update that the paramedic hiring process is complete. Six candidates were selected and have all successfully passed background evaluations, and final offers have been issued. The new hires are scheduled to start on May 4.

Chief Riordan provided an update on the EMS data for the month. It was noted that a private ambulance provider responded to calls within the district in March, which may have implications for service costs to the residents of the district.

Fire Report – Chief Clark reported that the transition to the 24/72 schedule is six weeks in and progressing well, with only minor adjustments being addressed. Trustee Aaron Nilsson noted that the overall assessment of the recent recruit class has been very positive.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Alan Lewis to go into executive session of the board members for discussion of a legal matter. Second by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. Motion Carried. The session began at 4:18 PM. Motion by Trustee Alan Lewis to adjourn the executive session at 5:03 PM. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Motion carried. There were no decisions made during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM. Motion by Director Dr. Gwendolyn Blue. Second by Trustee Alan Lewis. Motion Carried.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026.

The next regular meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Richard J. Pomini
Chairman

Secretary

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.