

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
March 19, 2026**

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on March 19, 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, Trustee Brendan Montgomery, and Trustee Aaron Nilsson.

Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Deputy Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Frank Flynn, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Human Resource Director Michael Frantz, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Christine Kesler, Administrative Assistant Erin Grant, Major David Joels, and Clinical Director of Peer Support Lee Look.

Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

The minutes for the February 19, 2026 board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Alan Lewis. Second by Treasurer Jim Seiler. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Seiler provided the treasurer's report by referencing the *Comments to Financials* distributed in the board package. HB 8 payments had been delayed but are expected to resume following recent CMS approval. EMS billing was down for February due to a timing issue. The department is in an overall favorable position of approximately \$1.4 million year-to-date.

Approval of the February expenditures were motioned by Treasurer Jim Seiler. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Chief Clark reported that the district will incur an additional \$4,000 audit fee due to increased work related to state reporting issues and the new GASB standard, bringing the total audit cost to \$37,000. It was also shared that estimated audit fees for the next fiscal year are projected to range between \$36,500 and \$38,000. The board discussed continuing audit services with Dean Dorton and agreed to move forward without seeking proposals at this time.

Old Business

Truck 47 Sale – Chief Clark reported that Truck 47 was sold for \$310,000. Required repairs totaling approximately \$20,000, along with a 6% broker fee, resulted in net proceeds of approximately \$269,000. With the recent purchased of the used engine for \$205,000, approximately \$64,000 remained of the proceeds. It was reported that an estimated \$40,000-\$45,000 will be needed to complete necessary upgrades to place the apparatus in service, resulting in a positive return overall.

Financial Audit – Dean Dorton – This was addressed during the Treasurer’s Report.

Peer Support Update – Chief Clark reported that the Peer Support Program is underway, with the SOP finalized and initial meetings held with team members. Clinical Director Lee Look noted that the program is functioning as intended, with both outreach efforts and employees independently seeking support. Plans are underway to expand the Peer Support Team, including hosting a future training class. Chief Clark expressed appreciation for the Board’s support and stated early indicators show the program is being utilized.

New Business

Establishment of 2026 Election Committee – Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Trustee Alan Lewis, and Trustee Brendan Montgomery volunteered to serve on the election committee for the property owner election that will take place on Saturday, June 27 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Terms expiring June 30, 2026: Property Owner Representative Rick Tonini and Mayoral Appointed Jim Seiler. Both Chairman Tonini and Treasurer Seiler expressed an interest in serving another term. Secretary Wrigley made a motion that a letter of recommendation for Treasurer Seiler be sent to the director of Louisville Metro Boards and Commissions. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery.

HB 682 – Chief Clark provided an overview of HB 682, a bill that would require board members to live within the fire protection district. If passed, any non-resident members would create immediate vacancies. Secretary Wrigley will be contacting the Director of Louisville Metro Boards and Commissions to gather additional information on potential impacts. The board will continue to monitor developments.

Fire & EMS Operation Report

EMS Report –

Station 47 – Deputy Chief Monohan provided an update on the construction project at Station 47. The upstairs bedrooms have been framed, and the electrical and plumbing work is underway. The project is expected to take 4-6 more weeks, with completion targeted by the end of April.

Paramedic Hiring Process – Chief Clark provided an update on the paramedic hiring process. Twelve applicants completed testing and interviews, and five candidates emerged as strong prospects. A meeting with department leadership is scheduled to finalize the selections for the open positions.

Fire Report – The board considered a motion to surplus two department vehicles: a 2016 Ford Explorer and a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicles are being replaced under the department’s vehicle replacement plan. A motion was made by Trustee Alan Lewis to

declare the vehicles as surplus. Second by Treasurer Jim Seiler. The vehicles will be sold through an appropriate sales platform.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Treasurer Jim Seiler to go into an executive session of the board members for discussion of a legal matter. Second by Trustee Alan Lewis. Motion Carried. The session began at 4:52 PM. Motion by Treasurer Jim Seiler to adjourn the executive session at 5:26 PM. Second by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. 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 5:27 PM. Motion by Treasurer Jim Seiler. Second by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. 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, April 16, 2026.


Chairman


Secretary

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