

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees  
May 15, 2025  
Special Meeting**

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on May 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM, at Station 46: 240 Sears Ave, Louisville, KY 40207. This meeting was considered special, due to rescheduling the established regular meeting time of 4:00pm.

Board members present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Mike Abell, Trustee Alan Lewis, and Trustee Brendan Montgomery.

Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Assistant Chief Frank Flynn, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Human Resource Director Michael Frantz, Major Greg Crabb, Major Tony Cipolla, Major David Joels, Fire Marshal Stephen DunLany, Captain Aaron Nilsson, Captain Byron Richardson, Captain Ryan Helton, Captain Conan Stamenkovic, Captain Joe Bewley, Sergeant Derek Andriakos, Sergeant Ryan Fletcher, Sergeant Chris Becker, Sergeant Jared Schlosnagle, Sergeant Derrick Clarkson, Firefighter Logan Cahall, Firefighter Christian Zoeller, Firefighter Steven Lona, Firefighter Isaiah Ramirez, Firefighter Cameron Sautel, Firefighter Dominic Holly, Firefighter Anthony Perrone, Firefighter Allie Stahl, Firefighter Jabin Wright, Firefighter Josh Martinez, Paramedic Danielle Manuel, Paramedic Jesse Scharff, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Christine Kesler, and Administrative Assistant Erin Grant.

Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

The minutes for the April 17, 2025 board meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Alan Lewis. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mike Abell provided the treasurer's report and referenced the Comments to Financials distributed with the board package. He specifically noted the expense categories in which the department is under budget, as well as the interest income, which is over budget YTD. Discussion was held on the invoices sent to Metro Louisville under KRS 67C.147, which are now included in the financials as receivables.

Approval of the April expenditures were motioned by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Second by Trustee Alan Lewis. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

*Trustee Election Committee* – Nominations for the firefighter/district representative trustee have been closed. Notice of election letter will be sent out to the voting membership with names of the nominees along with dates/times for absentee voting and

election voting. Secretary Wrigley provided an update on the process for her reappointment for a final term. Her reappointment will be heard by the Government Oversight and Audit Committee on June 3. The process for reappointment takes about 3-4 weeks.

### **New Business**

*Workers Comp Policy Adjustment* – Chief Clark reviewed the district’s current Workers’ Compensation Policy and proposed an amendment to the Board. Under the proposed amendment, employees who are off work due to a work-related injury would receive supplemental payments for up to 180 days - an increase of 60 days from the previous allowance. Treasurer Mike Abell made a motion to approve this amendment. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Motion Carried.

*Preliminary Budget FY 2025-2026* – Board members were given a hard copy of the preliminary budget for FY 25/26 in the board packages. Chief Clark provided an overview of the highlights of line items for the new budget, which included a proposal for a .035 cent tax increase to support the Strategic Outlook that was presented at the April 2025 Board meeting. The additional revenue would allow for the hiring of 16 new suppression personnel under the proposed 24/72 schedule. This would cover salaries, benefits, uniforms, and associated onboarding costs. The district has not raised its tax rate since 2016, despite rising equipment and personnel costs. Chief Clark and Accountant Kesler both advised when looking at the data, even without the proposed personnel changes, a tax rate increase would be necessary due to inflation and rising operational costs. Chief Clark emphasized that the change addresses recruitment and retention challenges, supports staff wellness, and aligns with industry best practices. Board members and meeting attendees were encouraged to ask questions and voice any opinions or concerns surrounding the proposed budget. The board members will have a month to review, ask additional questions, and make any potential changes before voting to finalize the budget at the June Board meeting.

### **Fire & EMS Operation Report**

*Fire Report* – Chief Clark reviewed the fire statistics that were provided with the board package.

*EMS Report* – The 24/72 trial schedule for the EMS division will start Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and all crew assignments have been communicated.

Chief Riordan explained a new statistic that was provided with the Board packages to help explain call volume by hour.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Treasurer Mike Abell to go into an executive session of the board members for discussion of a legal & personnel matter. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried. The session began at 1:04 PM. Motion by Trustee Alan Lewis to

adjourn the executive session at 1:54 PM. Second by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Motion Carried. There was no decision made during executive session.

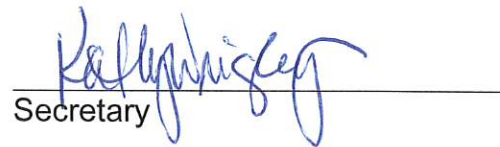
### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM. Motion by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Second by Trustee Alan Lewis. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. This will be considered a special meeting since it will take place on a day different than the established regular meeting day of the third Thursday.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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