

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
November 20, 2025**

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on November 20, 2025, at Station 46: 240 Sears Ave, Louisville, KY 40207.

Board members present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Treasurer Jim Seiler, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, 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, Major Mike Abell, Paramedic Regina Vargo Carrico, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Christine Kesler, and Administrative Assistant Erin Grant.

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

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Major Jevning on the first anniversary of her passing, as well as in honor of those who perished in the recent UPS plane crash.

The minutes for the October 16, 2025 board meeting and October 27, 2025 special meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Introduction of Recruit Class 45-01

The following recruits of Class 45-01 were introduced: Ben Atherton, Trey Beam, Nick Gnadinger, Trey Harvey, Brandon Hayes, Drew Hutchinson, Todd Jones, Nate Kraft, Anthony Lashley, Jacob Mann, Nick Miller, Dillon Pruett, Clayton Pusateri, Trey Schuler, Corey Williams, and Aaron Wright. Each recruit shared brief remarks about their excitement and appreciation for joining the department, and Recruit Trey Schuler cited the STMFPD mission statement.

After the recruit class was dismissed, the board discussed efforts to diversify recruitment, including outreach through local schools, career days, and national recruitment platforms. Despite best efforts, Chief Clark acknowledged ongoing challenges such as limited interest from certain demographics, the need for increased grassroots engagement, and maintaining fairness in the testing process. The board discussed additional initiatives to take in the future to strengthen diversity and outreach efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Seiler provided the treasurer's report by referencing the Comments to Financials distributed with the board package. He informed the board of a new accounting pronouncement which requires accrued sick pay to be shown as a liability on the balance sheet.

Accountant Christine Kesler provided an update on the ongoing financial audit. The only remaining issue involves a discrepancy in the state pension report figures, traced to the state's reporting of prior payroll corrections. KPPA has been informed and has requested additional time to investigate the discrepancy.

Approval of the October expenditures were motioned by Trustee Alan Lewis. Second by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Replacement Truck/Apparatus Ordered – The new apparatus approved at last month's meeting has been ordered and the \$1.75 million has been invested into a 3.5% Treasury Bill. With the interest earned at maturity, the investment is expected to fully cover the cost of the new apparatus. The estimated delivery timeline is 40 months.

New Business

N/A

Fire & EMS Operation Report

Fire Report – Chief Clark provided an update on the current recruit class. Five recruits have successfully passed the national EMT registry exam, while eight are still waiting to take the exam. Every effort is being made to ensure the recruits' success in passing the NREMT test. To address any potential failures, a contingency plan is in place to possibly hire lateral firefighters. All recruits have completed their EMT course and continue with fire suppression training five days a week as they await certification results.

EMS Report – Chief Clark confirmed that the Certificate of Need (CON) application has been submitted and the state has acknowledged its receipt. However, the district has not yet received any further communication regarding the change. Should there be no communication from the state by December 1st, Chief Clark will follow up to determine the status.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Alan Lewis to go into an executive session of the board members for discussion of a legal matter. Second by Trustee Aaron Nilsson. Motion Carried. The session began at 4:43 PM. Motion by Trustee Alan Lewis to adjourn the executive session at 5:07 PM. Second by Treasurer Jim Seiler. 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 5:08 PM. Motion by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Second by Treasurer Jim Seiler. Motion Carried.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

The next regular meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 18, 2025.


Chairman


Secretary

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