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Foreign Fire Insurance Board 03/05/2026 Minutes

The monthly business meeting for the Bristol-Kendall Fire Department Foreign Fire Insurance Board was called to order at 1600 hrs. on 03/05/2026. Roll call was taken showing Lt. Johnson, FF/PM Horner, FF/PM Krouse, FF/PM Jordan and FF/PM Adrian present. Chief Messersmith and Lt. Kellogg were excused absent. John Falduto was present as a guest.

No comments were made from the public.

The minutes from 02/05/2026 were read and a motion was made FF/PM Jordan to approve the minutes and a second was made by FF/PM Krouse. All in attendance said aye. The minutes for 02/05/2026 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The month's beginning balance of the Money Market account was \$229,408.32 and the ending balance is \$225,966.20. The month's beginning balance of the Checking account was \$1,635.29 and the ending balance is \$4,287.95.

The Treasurer's report was read and a motion was made by FF/PM Krouse to approve the treasurer's report and a second was made by FF/PM Horner. All in attendance said aye. The treasurer's report for 03/05/2026 was approved.

Special Presentation: Sawyer Falduto Assess Management, LLC

- John Falduto was present as a guest and gave a brief presentation on what his company does for investments.
 - Currently, the company deals with several fire and police departments', pensions, and other such investments and financials in close relationship with the Charles Schwab Corporation as the financial custodian.
- After the presentation, there was a brief discussion about what a base amount should look like for the FFIB's checking account, with the rest of the money being handled by Sawyer Falduto.
 - Action to be determined later in the meeting agenda.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- Knife sharpening bill has been paid.

Old Business:

- Professional photographer (update):
 - Check for payment has been written to be given at the first day of scheduled pictures.
 - Currently, portraits are scheduled for the last week of March

New Business:

- Proposal 1: The board discussed a tabled General Fund proposal put forth by FF/PM Valaski. The proposal was for the purchase of individual SCBA mask nameplate identifiers for the membership from IdentiFire. The proposal would be for the purchase of 60 nameplates, not to exceed \$1,300.00. FF/PM Horner was proxy for FF/PM Valaski for the proposal. FF/PM Horner made a motion to approve the purchase the identifiers. A second was made by FF/PM Jordan. All in attendance said aye.

Roll Call	Johnson	Kellogg	Adrian	Jordan	Horner	Krouse	Messersmith
VOTE	Yes	Excused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excused

Proposal APPROVED for funding FF/PM Valaski’s General Fund proposal.

- Proposal 2: The board discussed a Station 2 proposal put forth by FF/PM Adrian. The proposal was for the purchase of kitchen items to replace worn items currently in use, not to exceed \$400. FF/PM Horner made a motion to approve the purchase the items listed. A second was made by FF/PM Krouse. All in attendance said aye.

Roll Call	Johnson	Kellogg	Adrian	Jordan	Horner	Krouse	Messersmith
VOTE	Yes	Excused	Abstained	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excused

Proposal APPROVED for funding FF/PM Adrian’s Station 2 fund proposal.

- Nominees for expiring FFIB positions:
 - The following individuals were nominated by Lt. Enlow:
 - FF/PM Horner – FF/PM Horner accepted the nomination.
 - FF/PM Szopinski – FF/PM Szopinski accepted the nomination.
 - The following individual was nominated by FF/PM Maly:
 - FF/PM Maly – FF/PM Maly accepted the nomination.
 - FF/PM Krouse made a motion to accept the nominees, with a second by FF/PM Jordan. All in attendance said aye.
- Ballot for FFIB nominees:
 - FF/PM Krouse made a motion to accept the ballot with the three nominees, with a second by FF/PM Jordan. All in attendance said aye.
 - Ballots will be collected over the next few weeks, with results at the 04/02/2026 meeting.
- *Tuition Reimbursement Rule*
 - After a discussion of the topic, FF/PM Jordan made a motion to make the following rule:
 - “If a member is denied class tuition by the District, they may bring their request to the FFIB with a letter of intent and total cost of the class. FFIB will pay up to 50% of the total tuition prior to the start of class, with the remaining tuition paid to the member after the presentation of class completion certificate and/or successfully passing the state exam. The member understands and agrees that any recertification courses or cost will not be covered by future FFIB tuition reimbursement and will be the sole responsibility of that member, should they choose to recertify.”
 - A second was made by FF/PM Krouse. All in attendance said aye.

Roll Call	Johnson	Kellogg	Adrian	Jordan	Horner	Krouse	Messersmith
VOTE	Yes	Excused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excused

Motion to fund future tuition reimbursement requests under the new rule is APPROVED.

- *Tax exempt status*
 - FF/PM Jordan is continuing to work on this topic and will update the Board.
- *Investing information* (continued from the presentation by Sawyer Falduto):
 - After a discussion, FF/PM Jordan made a motion to accept the proposal from Sawyer Falduto, with Charles Schwab Co. as the custodian.
 - The specific dollar amount is reserved until all Board members are present.
 - A second was made by FF/PM Krouse. All in attendance said aye.

Roll Call	Johnson	Kellogg	Adrian	Jordan	Horner	Krouse	Messersmith
VOTE	Yes	Excused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excused

Motion to utilize Sawyer Falduto for investments is APPROVED.

- John Falduto will be sending over information for all the necessary steps to proceed.

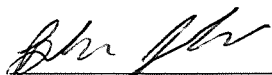
- *Grant information*
 - FF/PM Adrian presented information researched on different grants available.
 - Several grants have upcoming openings for information and applications.
 - Most grants will provide funds from \$5,000 up to \$40,000 to departments.
 - Most grants are used to purchase training equipment, apparatus equipment, or technology.
 - FF/PM Adrian will post the information to the FFIB folder for future use by Board members.

After new business, no comments were made from the public.

Next meeting scheduled for 04/02/2026 at 1600 hrs at Station 1.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by FF/PM Krouse with a second made by FF/PM Horner. All in attendance said aye. Meeting adjourned at 1652 hrs.

Minutes Approved and Accepted:



Chairman



Secretary