

# **Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025**

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## **Monthly BOT Meeting Video Teleconference**

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Meeting ID: 272 252 133 378

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ott at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Henry Ott, Larry Ash, Eric Brown, Kenny Craigmyle, Scott Cunduff, and Tracy Deloch. Robert Thompson arrived virtually at approximately 4:15.

Guests present: Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Deputy Chief Early, Deputy Chief Recktenwald, Assistant Chief Burd, Assistant Chief Carta, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Fife, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Battalion Chief Beckett, Battalion Chief Preston, Captain Sauer, James Sebastian, Attorney Leach, Jen Crawford, and Joyce Shelton.

Guests who virtually attended included Major Elstone, Major Ingersoll, Battalion Chief Hampton, Battalion Chief Weiss, Captain Price, Lindsey Lanham, Dawn Nikolai, Patrick Sparks, and several unidentifiable guests.

Special Guests included Investigator Carl Christainson, Court Reporter Tracy Lundergan, Attorney McCardwell, and Paramedic Gualtieri.

A Chapter 75 Hearing was scheduled for the beginning of the meeting but the regular business of the department was conducted before the hearing.

Motion Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to approve the August Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to approve the August Minutes of the FCFPD Holding Company. MC unanimously.

The August Provisional Financials were distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed.

### **Announcements & Correspondence**

- Current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group August report: *See reports for details.*

**Items Noted:** The KY Fire Commission introduced a bill that would release the twenty cents cap on fire districts for property tax revenue, changes for public notices, and other related items, and has potential for support.

### **Old Business**

Update on the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road): A Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Service was held on Friday, August 29, 2025.

Performance Evaluation is still pending and requested to remain on the monthly agenda and noted in the minutes.

The Recruit Graduation was on August 15, 2025 and a Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for October 14, 2025 at Fern Creek Christian Church for all those recently promoted.

Update on Community Risk Assessment: In progress and will have evaluation on October 14 and 15, 2025 which will include information about Performance Evaluation process as well.

Update from Attorney Leach regarding deeds: In progress and close to completion.

The field work for the FY 2024-25 Audit is complete with presentation to the BOT expected in October.

### **Chief and Committee Reports**

Chief Evans: There is now a MOU with Louisville Metro for the invoicing and payment for runs by Suburban Districts made inside Louisville Metro. The department has billed for July with no payment to date. The time period of January 2025-June 2025 will not be reimbursed.

Chief Officers: Nothing to report.

Committees: Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Motion Craigmyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash to purchase 10 SCBAs with funds from SCBA Surplus for \$83,000. MC unanimously.

Motion Deloch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve the 3% increase to the Base Scale as budgeted to effective January 4, 2026. MC unanimously.

Discussion held regarding fuel tanks at Stations # 6, 65, and 71. The removal process will begin from St. #65 with budgeted (approved in budget). Bids will be opened on September 9, 2025 for the rest of the project and brought back to the Board for approval in October.

At 4:17, it was stated that the Regular business of the Board has been completed and the Chapter 75 Hearing would begin.

A five-minute break was taken for set-up and subsequent short breaks throughout the Chapter 75 Hearing.

Notice had been given that a Chapter 75 Hearing would be held during the Regular scheduled BOT Meeting.

No changes were made in the attendance of the Board of Trustees Members.

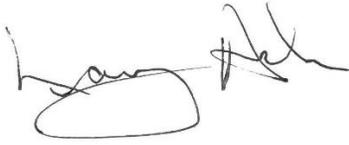
The Chapter 75 Hearing began at 4:26 at which time, Court Reporter Lundergan took over the recording/transcription of the Hearing for the remainder of the Board Meeting.

The following items are of Note. *See transcription for full details.*

- The Chapter 75 Hearing began with Opening Statements by Attorney Leach and Attorney McCardwell.
- Closing Arguments were heard and the Board went into Executive Session for deliberation.
- Open Session resumed at 8:49 the BOT Chairman read the findings of the BOT with no action taken.
- Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cundiff to approve the findings and proposed action as stated. MC unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cundiff to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. MC unanimously.

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Larry Ash, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce L. Shelton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary