North Aurora Fire Protection District

23 N Lincolnway St • North Aurora, IL 60542

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
2/18/2026

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call
Trustees present: Richard Brackett, Jerry Auchstetter, Gerry Freese, and Kevin Fatten
Present: Deputy Chief Christensen, Battalion Chief Arch and Crystal Pennington.

Public Comment
None

Approval of Minutes
a. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the December 2025 regular meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.
b. A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the December 2025 closes session meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

Correspondence
Chief Christensen presented the Monthly Performance Report to the board of Trustees. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to accept the report. Vote taken; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report
a. Trustee Freese made a motion to approve the December 2025 Treasurer's Report; Trustee Auchstetter seconded the motion. Vote taken; all in favor.
b. Trustee Auchstetter made a motion to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report; Trustee Freese seconded the motion. Vote taken; all in favor.

Presentation of Bills for Payment
a. A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the December 2025 bills that were presented for payment. Vote taken; all in favor.
b. A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Brackett to approve the January 2026 bills that were presented for payment. Vote taken; all in favor.

Old Business
a. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the appointment of Jake Koch to Fulltime Firefighter. Vote taken; all in favor.

New Business
a. President Kevin Fatten presented the board with a schedule of 2026 meeting dates.
b. The discussion and approval of Deputy Chief contract will be discussed at March's Trustee meeting.
c. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 audit prepared by Sikich, LLC. Vote taken; all in favor.

Report of Deputy Fire Chief

a. Run Report –
    1) December 2025 – 2,978
    2) December 2024 – 3,014
    3) As of February 10,
        a. 2026 – 345 Calls
        b. 2025 – 338 Calls

b. Anniversaries – December-Kotecki, 18 years. January – Fatten, Jackson, O'Meara 12 Years, Koch 4 Years, Brackett 66 Years, Auchstetter 33 Years.

Attorney's Report

None

Committee Reports

None

Trustees' Comments

None

Closed Session

None

Consideration of other matters as may lawfully come before the Board.

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm at North Aurora Fire Station 1.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and second by Trustee Auchstetter to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: *Crystal Pennington*