



## Excelsior Fire District

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24100 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, MN 55331

### **Fire Operating Committee Meeting May 20, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Operating Committee Member Kristi Luger called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM

Present: Kristi Luger (Excelsior City Manager), and Marc Nevinski (Shorewood City Administrator), Max Peters (Tonka Bay City Administrator), Dan Madsen Tom Fletcher (Greenwood Mayor in the capacity of City Administrator), (Deephaven City Administrator), Interim Fire Chief Nate Bassinger

Absent: None

1. Approval of Agenda  
Nevinski/Luger – Passed 5-0
2. Approval of Minutes – April  
Madsen/Fletcher – Passed 5-0
3. Approval of Bills – April  
Fletcher/Peters – Passed 5-0
4. Budget Updates  
2027 Budget – Bassinger will include Flat Roof and Battery backup costs into 2027 budget.

Building Analysis – It was noted that the SLMPD CC discussed at its meeting how to move forward with planning for improvements. Bassinger said direction was needed on how to move forward with the planning process. Peters will work with the Chiefs and Krause Anderson to develop a building plan.

5. Administrative Reports – April
  - a. Responses and calls for service  
Bassinger reviewed a new report to provide more detail about response time and call typed with duty crew and all-call times. The OC discussed keeping detailed reports on calls responded to as well as response metrics such as response times and the number fire fighter responding. The OC felt this type of data will be very helpful for the EFD in improving outcomes and inform Councils.
6. Board meeting items
  - a. Next Fire Board meeting – May 27, 2026 – 6PM at EOC Station 1
  - b. Major All Calls
    - Haskell Fire was the major event.
  - c. Interim Chief compensation
    - The OC recommends paying the Interim Chief the same wage as the Fire Chief based on the amount of work and responsibilities he has taken on. \$140,526, retroactive.

- d. Closed Session: Pending Litigation Update
  - e. JPA
    - Deephaven expected to have recommendations for changes to the JPA.
7. Administrative Updates
- a. Personnel and staffing
    - 43 members; Expecting several retirements; working to get a recruit class in place in the fall.
  - b. Apparatus and stations
    - Engine 21 will get graphics in June
    - Repair Rescue 12 following impact with school bus. Repairs covered by insurance.
8. Follow up from May 6 meeting.
- a. The OC discussed different options for department structure and the possible implications. The OC will meet again to prepare a summary for the next EFD Board meeting.
9. Executive Fire Officer program participation
- a. Basinger accepted to the EFO program through the National Fire Academy. Two-year program with four trips. First trip is in July/August for two weeks, then three one-week trips. NFA covers all costs except for meals. Basinger will prepare a memo for board awareness.
10. Policy review procedure  
memo for Board
- a. Policies 200, 323, 1013, 1024,1042
11. Next Meeting Date and Time
- a. Wednesday May 27 at 2:00PM
  - b. Motion by Madsen/Peters to adjourn at 12:10PM