The eight hundred and twenty-first meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Commissioners present were: Genzel, Evans, Donahue and Millisky Also present were Chief Haines, Administrator Robb and Solicitor Carlamere.

Chairman Genzel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the flag salute and acknowledgement of the meeting being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and having been advertised as such.

Roll Call: Reichert-absent, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

Chief's Report: Chief Haines reported that the department responded to a couple of working fires both in Pine Hill and Lambs Terrace locals. Training is ongoing on the tower ladder and roof operations. Chief Haines reported again that he needs help with obtaining volunteers asking for a broader radius of consideration. Comm. Evans replied that this will be discussed at our next workshop-Comm. Donahue added that if the workshop isn't held it should be discussed at the July meeting. Comm. Millisky noted his concern of a volunteer responding at emergency speed from up to 6 miles away. This will all be discussed in depth at either the workshop or meeting. Chief Haines also mentioned possible doing a recruitment video and posting on facebook or other social media.

Administrator's Report: Admin Robb reviewed the attached agenda.

Solicitor's Report: None

Group Report: "A" Building Maintenance, Park (K. Donahue) Comm. Donahue reported that everything is working and operational.

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention, EMS (J. Reichert) Absent Chairman Genzel reviewed the fire prevention report supplied by FM Young.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus & Equipment (R. Evans) Comm. Evans reviewed Capt. Procopio's report of the various maintenance and repairs handled throughout the month, specifically noting the challenge of resolving the TL82 outrigger issue,.

Group Report: "D" Insurance, Hydrants, Radios & Uniforms (M. Millisky) No report

Group Report: "E" Training, Personnel, Office (G. Genzel) Chairman Genzel will discuss his topics in closed session as they deal with personnel issues.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Millisky to approve the bills presented for payment this evening in the amount of $98,946.86.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to accept the receipts presented this evening in the amount of $3,487.10.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to approve Joint Operational Guideline 23-002 VS, regarding Incident Response Priorities.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans & 2nd by Millisky to agree to the request by GTFD #1 to change the hours of coverage by Squad 88 from 6am to 6pm to 12am to 8am, effective July 1st, 2026, provided the request is also approved by GTFD #4, noting that the previously agreed upon compensation remains unchanged.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

Good of the District: none

A motion was made by Genzel and 2nd by Evans to go into closed session at 7:53pm.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to go back into open session at 8:31pm.

Personnel issues discussed are still pending.

There being no other business a motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to adjourn at 8:32. All in favor, motion carried.

Read and approved: Chairman: George H. Genzel

Submitted: Clerk: Marianne Robb

Date: July 8, 2026

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Meeting – June 10, 2026

1. Shared Service Program / Interlocal Agreements:
    a. The last shared services committee meeting was held on Thursday, May 21st at Station 84. Minutes are pending. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 7:00pm at our station.
    b. The Staffing and Consolidation sub-committee last met on May 27th, minutes were distributed this morning. With approval from D2 and D4, letters were sent to D1 and D3, inviting them to join in our consolidation efforts, with a response requested by July 17th. An e-mail was sent to Mayor Mayer yesterday, requesting an audience to discuss our consolidation efforts during or after the week on July 20, 2026.
    c. Captain Procopio and I recently met with representatives of the GT Police Department, who provided information to assist with procuring the necessary ribbons and certificates related to our recently adopted Awards and Commendation Policy.
        i. Per the policy and motions by the boards, the committee currently consists of Chief Reiss, Chief Haines, Commissioners Millisky and McCann. Pending is the appointment of a career FF or FO (Chief Reiss), and a volunteer FF or FO (Chief Haines).
        ii. Once the committee is fully formed, I will ask them to coordinate an awards ceremony for the January 2025 ice rescue, and to review an award recommendation for a recent Route 42 crash with entrapment.
    d. Hiring Process:
        i. We currently have two IGT candidates: Nicholas Woods from GT Fire District #6 and Nicholas Angelozzi of GT Fire District #5. Sean Vallauri Sr. of the Ancora Fire Department withdrew from the process, and Angelozzi was a late addition. Background investigations are in process for both candidates
        ii. We currently have eleven (11) eligible civil service commission candidates (the number I reported last month was inaccurate, it should have been 12). One candidate failed to appear for the civil service PPT, all other passed, resulting in the current list of eleven (11) candidates. Background investigations are in process for Sean Barger, a disabled veteran with no firefighting experience, and Luis Torres, an active volunteer firefighter with our department. We have offered the opportunity to the remaining nine (9) candidates to pick up applications, with a deadline of tomorrow.
        iii. One of the challenges to the hiring process is that D6 is in the process of hiring six (6) career firefighters, and D5 is in the process of hiring one (1) additional firefighter, all of whom will be from the same civil service list.

e. D2 and D4 have both approved the plan for inter-platoon transfers of firefighters assigned to the Squad 88 program. Representatives of D2 and D4 will begin working on this project in the near future.

f. **Request a Motion to approve Joint Operational Guideline 23-002 V2, Incident Response Priorities.** The revision was authored by Chiefs Haines and Reiss, with review and input from the Shared Service Committee.

2. Chief Haines is requesting a revision of A.P. 16-3 V2, New Member Applicants. Specifically, he's requesting to expand the radius for non-trained applicants from 3 miles to 6 miles. For reference, this would expand the northern boundary to Cherry Hill Township, the eastern boundary to Voorhees Township, the southern boundary to southern Washington Township, and the western boundary to West Deptford Township.
3. Training:
    a. I recently participated in a Lexipol Webinar titled *After the Verdict: Operational Lessons from a $31.5M Firefighter LODD case*. The link to the webinar has been forwarded to representatives of the operational staff, with a suggestion to have it viewed by the department's line officers. An agreement to make this required viewing for all department officers is still pending.
    b. I'm pleased to report that FF's Ritz and Wolf have both received their New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Fire Investigator Certifications. FO Young is working with Commissioner Reichert and I to formalize their permission to respond to structure fires throughout the township to assist with investigations to gain the necessary real-world experience to supplement their classroom training. A decision regarding the vacant Deputy Fire Marshal position is still pending.
    c. Training of D4 Captain / Fire Official Brandon O'Connor as a driver/operator of R82 and TL82 is pending his availability.
    d. Captain Procopio is in the process of training members of the career staff to drive TL82. All A Platoon members have been qualified, while B and C Platoon members are still pending.
4. The expanded policy sub-committee is making good progress on the revised table of organization and job responsibilities. The most recent information was forwarded to the board this morning. The goal of the committee is to have a final proposal for the boards for review and approval no later than the August meetings.
5. Repeated from March Agenda: President Ardecki reports there was a meeting approximately two weeks ago on the kitchen project, and that Captain Procopio is going to prepare some drawings for review.
6. Volunteer Staff Changes:
    a. Applicants:
        i. Andrew Hargenrader – 24-year-old male resident of Broadmoor West, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, physical is pending.
        ii. Ryan Lisle – 23-year-old male resident of Fairways Apartment, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, physical is pending.

iii. Nicholas Lee – 22-year-old male resident of Woodmill Drive, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, pending notification to schedule physical?

b. Status Changes:

i. Captain Jenkinson is still not medically cleared for firefighting duty (since 12/22/2025) At last check he has not followed up with our medical provider since that date.

7. The changes recommended after the September 9th meeting with a VFIS representative are still in process.
8. The orders for the new Squad 82 and Squad 88 have been placed with Fire and Safety, with confirmations received from HGAC. There has been no written change to the expected 47-51 months build time, which would result in a middle to late 2030 delivery.
9. The cleaning and repair by Redline – NJ, De & Eastern Pa of Moorestown, NJ was completed on Thursday, May 21st. Most of the needed repairs were completed that day. A few repairs were declined due to the age of the garment and the needed repairs, while others failed due to beyond NFPA 10-year standard. Commissioner Evans is working with Chief Haines on a plan for replacement of our leather helmets, some of which are over 20 years old.
    a. In 2021 it was decided that we were no longer going to purchase leather helmets, given the prohibitive cost (approx. $1,600 per helmet in 2021, now over $2,000 per helmet). From 2022 to the present, we've been purchasing 3 Cairns 1044 helmets per year, at a cost of $400 to $500 per helmet, to avoid having to purchase a large quantity of helmets at one time. A number of the helmets are still upstairs in boxes.
10. The mattresses approved at last month's meeting have been received and are in service. Thanks again to the board for your support of this project.

Closed Session:

1. Personnel