

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
January 8, 2026
Organizational and Regular Board Meeting

An Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026. This Organizational and Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: KEVIN SPICHER (Arrived 8:05)
 TODD WALKER
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 SUSAN GARDNER
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Marshal Richard Boisvert

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Ms. Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident, objected to Jim Muzzin being on the board saying that it violates our By-laws. She stated that the City of Brighton did not post for the position and that Jim was appointed even though he's not an elected official as stated in the City's Charter.

Jim Muzzin responded that he did apply for the position and provided his resume and that he is an elected official in the City Brighton. He is an elected trustee of the Brighton District Library.

Organizational Meeting

Chairperson Jim Muzzin appointed Fire Marshal Boisvert as Chair to run the meeting for the purpose of Nomination and Election of Chairperson.

Nominations and Election of Officers

26:001 **Nominations for Chairperson: Jim Muzzin & Patrick Michel**

4 Votes for Jim Muzzin as Chairperson

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Susan Gardner, Todd Walker, Jim Muzzin

3 Votes for Patrick Michel as Chairperson

AYES: Kevin Spicher, Joe Riker, Patrick Michel

JIM MUZZIN WAS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON WITH A VOTE OF 4-3

26:002 **Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Todd Walker**

6 Votes for Todd Walker as Vice Chairperson

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Susan Gardner, Jim Muzzin, Todd Walker, Joe Riker,
Kevin Spicher

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NAYS: Patrick Michel

TODD WALKER WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRPERSON WITH A VOTE OF 6-1

26:003 **Nominations for Treasurer: Joe Riker**

7 Votes for Joe Riker as Treasurer

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Susan Gardner, Jim Muzzin, Todd Walker, Kevin Spicher,
Joe Riker, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

JOE RIKER WAS ELECTED TREASURER WITH A VOTE OF 7-0

26:004 **Nominations for Secretary: Mike Corrigan**

7 Votes for Mike Corrigan as Secretary

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Susan Gardner, Jim Muzzin, Todd Walker, Kevin Spicher,
 Joe Riker, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

MIKE CORRIGAN WAS ELECTED AS SECRETARY WITH A VOTE OF 7 - 0

26:005 Nomination by Jim Muzzin supported by Patrick Michel

That we nominate Jim Muzzin, Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker as Personnel Committee

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Joe Riker, Susan Gardner
 Jim Muzzin, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7 – 0

26:006 Nomination by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel

That we nominate Robin Hunt as Assistant Treasurer

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Joe Riker, Susan Gardner
 Jim Muzzin, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7 – 0

26:007 Nomination by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel

That we nominate Claudette Monroe as Assistant Secretary

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Joe Riker, Susan Gardner
Jim Muzzin, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7 – 0

26:008 Nomination by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel

That we nominate Patrick Michel, Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher as Construction Committee

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Joe Riker, Susan Gardner
Jim Muzzin, Patrick Michel

NAYS: None

Motion carried 7 – 0

Approval of Consent Agenda

26:009 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

26:010 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Update on the Purchase of Two Fire Rescue Boats

At the May 8, 2025 BAFA Board meeting, the board approved the purchase of two boats and associated sonar equipment. This included:

- 16-foot flat-bottom aluminum boat with 60 hp motor and trailer equipped with sonar, scene lighting, a dive/rescue platform, and the capacity to support up to four dive rescue personnel.
- A replacement 14-foot inflatable boat with a sonar unit to replace and upgrade the current boat. The replacement includes a 30 hp motor, allowing BAFA to reuse our excellent-condition boat trailer.

The boats were received by the manufacturer the last week of December and are currently located at Fire Station 33 (Weber). Additional work is needed by Fire Authority personnel to get the boats and trailers in service. In addition:

- Training for Authority staff has started, including the required Michigan DNR Boater Safety Program
- Training on use of Sonar has been completed
- Specific use of boats and training will be finalized in the spring of 2026

Update on Trinity Brighton Hospital Renovations and Fire Department Operations

As the project finalizes for the renovations and new tower at Trinity Health Brighton, the Fire Authority has remained steadfast in preparations for the new facility. Impacts include:

- Inspection staff has been performing final inspections, including fire sprinkler, fire alarm, standpipe, separation, and other key life safety. This has included multiple full and half days, as well as off-duty inspectors utilized at the facility
- Rotations of on-duty staff have been at the facility to build familiarity
- Development of training procedures and operational preparedness continues
- Coordination with Hospital staff on training, as well as Emergency Response Training, continues
- Involvement with BAFA to assist with patient relocation around April 19, 2026.

The hospital changes will have an impact on the BAFA response profile. The addition of the four-story patient wing as well as additional surgery, requires more of the BAFA staff when an incident occurs, as well as continual training.

Good of the Order

The Brighton Area Fire Authority Awards Ceremony is scheduled for February 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Patrick Michel stated that the letter of appreciation from one of our citizens expressing his gratitude for the dedication, bravery and selflessness of our staff to keeping our community safe was very much appreciated.

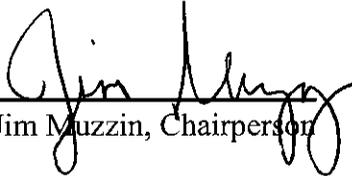
Joe Riker asked a question regarding alternate board members who attend BAFA board meetings but who are not actually participating/voting during the meeting. Do they get paid for attending the meeting or do they only get paid when they're filling in for their appointed representative. Fire Marshal Boisvert said he would look into it and let us know at the next board meeting.

Adjournment

26:011 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:43 am



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson