

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
July 31, 2026
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A Special Board Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Friday, July 31, 2026 at Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23, Brighton. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: KEVIN SPICHER
 TODD WALKER
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 PAUL GIPSON (City alternate)
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: SUSAN GARDNER

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

No questions or comments posed.

Approval of Regular Agenda

26:046 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Todd Walker
 That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion and Possible Action on Process for Replacement Fire Chief

26:047 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan

That we review 3 internal candidates that have submitted applications. The proposed process will be an interview panel of 3 outside Fire Chiefs, Chief O'Brian, and Anne Campbell. The panel would narrow the list down to 2 candidates to then take to the Board for review. The goal is alignment with the Board and finding the best fit for the culture of the department. If a qualified candidate is not selected from the internal candidates, there is the option to post the position externally to the public.

Mike Corrigan - the current crew is phenomenal. Casting a wider net last time did not go well.

Todd Walker - BAFA has a great culture. Posting outside the department might pollute it. An internal candidate would make the learning curve flat.

Jim Muzzin - Hiring from within would cause less disruption. BAFA has the best people on staff.

Kevin Spicher - Casting a wider net could strengthen the internal candidate in the eyes of the public.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Paul Gipson, Patrick Michel, Todd Walker,
Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker

NAYS: Kevin Spicher

ABSENT: Susan Gardner

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 6-1

Discussion on August 13, 2026 BAFA Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

26:048 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan

That we dispose of the August 13, 2026 meeting.

Joe Riker - asked that if the meeting needs to be called back the date remains the same.

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion of acceptance and filing of Fire Chief O'Brian's letter of resignation

26:049 Motion by Patrick Michel supported Todd Walker

That we accept Chief O'Brian's letter of resignation.

Motion carried unanimously

Good of the Order

Lieutenant Justin Thornton, alongside other first responders, was honored at an event at the Amphitheater in Brighton on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Station 31 is progressing well.

The President's visit to Milford Proving Grounds went well. Staff handled 11 medicals, ensured safety for all attendees, and did a great job handling some unruly people. The Secret Service praised the smooth operation.

Rick Boisvert discussed how plans are coming along for the BAFA Open House on October 10, 2026.

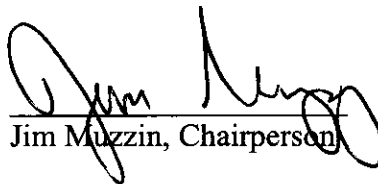
Chief O'Brian discussed the 9/11 Ceremony - 25th Year of Remembrance on September 11, 2026. Station 31 landscaping is expected to be finalized by Labor day. If the frontscape of the building is not ready in time for the event, we may need to push into Brighton's Rock-N-Blues Festival.

Adjournment

26:050 Motion by Jim Muzzin supported by Todd Walker that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:19 am


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson