BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
September 10, 2026
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Board Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, September 10, 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 (Brighton City Alternate)
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: SUSAN GARDNER

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public
Ms. Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident, requested a copy of the RFP for the Station 31 furniture.

Approval of Consent Agenda

26:051 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

26:052 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion and Possible Appointment for the Position of Fire Chief

26:053 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Todd Walker

That the Brighton Area Fire Authority appoint **Richard Boisvert** to the position of Fire Chief.

AYES:	Jim Muzzin, Paul Gipson, Patrick Michel, Todd Walker, Kevin Spicher Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Susan Gardner
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 7-0

Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with the New Fire Chief

26:054 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan to enter into a contract with **Richard Boisvert** for the position of Fire Chief. The contract will be effective September 11, 2026 and a transfer of command from Fire Chief O'Brian will occur on October 22, 2026.

AYES:	Jim Muzzin, Paul Gipson, Patrick Michel, Todd Walker, Kevin Spicher Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Susan Gardner
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 7-0

Good of the Order

Congratulations to Rick Boisvert on being named Fire Chief of the Brighton Area Fire Authority effective tomorrow, September 11th, 2026. He expressed his appreciation to Jim Muzzin and the full board for their support during this process, while also thanking Chief O'Brian for his many years of mentorship and guidance.

During the recent storm, BAFA experienced a high volume of activity, responding to 226 incidents between Wednesday, September 2nd, and Sunday, September 6th. Their response efforts covered a wide variety of situations, including downed power lines, trees blocking roadways, medical emergencies, and active fires.

Tomorrow, September 11th, students from the Howell Fire Academy will visit the Station 31 Memorial for a moment of remembrance. Later that evening at 7:00 pm, a 9/11 - 25th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Memorial located at Station 31 (615 W. Grand River, Brighton). Guest speaker Mike Rogers, who was present during the original 2011 dedication of the Memorial, will speak at the event along with others. Please note that parking will not be available at Station 31 due to the ongoing construction.

BAFA is proud to celebrate 150 years of keeping our community safe! To mark this milestone, join us for our annual Open House on Main Street in downtown Brighton on Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Midwest Fire Expo, which showcases a wide variety of equipment and gear utilized by firefighters, will take place on October 14th at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace in Novi. Newly appointed Fire Chief Rick Boisvert will be extending invitations to board members to attend.

Adjournment

26:055 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am

Jim Muzzin, Chairperson