

MINUTES OF THE
March 17, 2026
MEETING OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY
FIRE COMMISSION

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The Fire Commission met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the meeting room at Forsyth County Fire Division Station 9, 3000 Aviation Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

PRESENT:

Walt Beroth, Chair
Andrew Gray, Vice Chair
Eddie Bottoms, Member
Fred Franklin, Member
Richard Linville, Member
Don Martin, Member
Shane Moore, Member
Gary Styers, Member
Brian Tuttle, Member
Carl Walker, Member

ABSENT:

Steven Roberson, Member
David Williamson, Member

The Deputy County Manager, Fire Services Director, and Assistant Fire Chief of Operations were also present.

Chair Beroth called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Bottoms led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from the March 5, 2026 meeting of the Fire Commission were presented. There were no corrections or additions. Commissioner Bottoms moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Vice Chair Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to make comments regarding the business of the Fire Commission. Speakers are given three minutes to make their comments, and the public comment portion of the meeting is to last no longer than 30-minutes.

There were no speakers signed up to make public comments to the Fire Commission.

3. PRESENTATION

Deputy County Manager Kyle Haney delivered a presentation that outlined the Forsyth County fire system and its past and present funding models. The presentation also provided several options for future funding of the Forsyth County fire system based on recommendations from the study conducted by North Carolina Fire Chief Consulting. Funding models discussed were:

- FY26 Status Quo: Countywide overlay funds used to enhance staffing with all other expenses paid for with individual tax and service districts.
- Model 1: All funding for fire departments comes from their individual tax and service districts (old funding model prior to FY26).
- Model 2: All personnel and capital expenditures are funded utilizing the countywide overlay. All fire department operational expenditures are funded utilizing individual tax and service districts.
- Model 3: A base amount of personnel determined by the Fire Commission and capital expenditures are funded by the countywide overlay. All fire department operational expenditures and any enhanced personnel expenditures are funded utilizing individual tax and service districts.
- Model 4: All fire department's expenditures are funded utilizing the countywide overlay.

4. FUNDING DISCUSSION

Fire Commissioners took time to discuss each of the funding models in additional detail and asked questions of staff. During the discussion, Vice Chair Gray motioned that Model 2 (all personnel and capital funded from overlay) be utilized for funding of the fire system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin. Additional discussion on the specific motion was continued at which point Vice Chair Gray motioned to amend

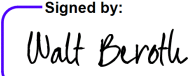
his initial motion in order to table the decision to utilize Model 2 for fire system funding. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion to table, and the issue is tabled for future discussion.

The next scheduled meeting of the Forsyth County Fire Commission will be April 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Forsyth County Fire Division Station 9, 3000 Aviation Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Martin moved for adjournment. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

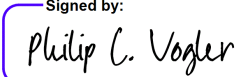
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F. Walter Beroth, Chair
Forsyth County Fire Commission

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Philip C. Vogler, Assistant Fire Chief
Interim Secretary to the Forsyth County Fire Commission