

WV STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

June 12th, 2026
TC Energy Building
Charleston WV, 25314

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:07am by Chairman Grant Gunnoe

ROLL CALL: by Kathryn L Burns

Commissioners Present

Carl Eastham, Doug Estep, Edward George, Grant Gunnoe, Phil Hart, Tom Keefer, Brian Jones, Doug Mongold, Jim Oldaker, Ted Shriver and Virgil White.

It is noted that Counsel Brandolyn Felton-Ernest is in attendance as well.

Commissioners Absent

Steven Byers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of April 9th, 2026, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

RECOGNITION

None

SFMO & DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

Deputy Mark Stewart provided the Inspections and Plan Review reports and Marshal Tyree gave the Services, Investigations Reports, and his Operations report to the Commission containing staffing, software progress, legislative updates, and fire department funding loss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recruitment and Retention did not meet.

Fire Department Services Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to Order

Commissioner Byers, called to order the regular meeting of the Fire Department Services Committee at 10:52am on June 11th, 2026 at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

Roll Call

The following commissioners were present:

Jim Oldaker
Brian Jones
Phil Hart
Grant Gunnoe
Steven Byers

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. Consideration/Report of Temporary Fire Officer Certifications.

- a) Jason Perry (Pritchard)

Commission Oldaker made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission to approve the applications as listed, seconded by Commissioner Jones. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Fire Chief Applications

Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott presented the following applications for approval.

- a) David Malcolm (Springfield Valley)
- b) Ed Cochran Jr (Loup Creek)
- c) Justin Ratcliff (Patterson Creek)

- d) Shaun Lambert (Reedsville)
- e) Larry Palmer Jr (Franklin Community)
- f) William Reinhart (River Road)
- g) Kevin Kimple (Moundsville City)
- h) Kenneth White Jr (Cabin Creek)
- i) Christopher Wilson (Fairview)
- j) Zachary Hendricks (Gilbert)
- k) Josh Smith (Bakerton)

Commission Hart made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission to approve the applications as listed, seconded by Commissioner Jones. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Report on Fire Department Receiving 180 Days to Achieve Compliance.

ASFM Scott briefed the Committee on the Departments receiving 180 days.

- a) Patterson Creek
- b) Lost Creek
- c) Reynoldsville VFD

No Action Needed.

4. Consideration of Fire Department Recertification

Assistant State Fire Marshal Bradley Scott presented the following departments for Recertification.

- a) Bramwell VFD
- b) Montcalm VFD

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission the recertification of the listed departments, seconded by Commissioner Hart. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Consideration of Fire Department with Perfect Evaluations Recertification.

ASFM Bradley Scott presented the following Departments with Perfect Evaluations for Recertification.

- a) Shavers Fork VFD
- b) Reedsville VFD
- c) West Milford

- d) Salem VFD
- e) Lumberport VFD
- f) Spelter VFD
- g) Clarksburg City
- h) Bridgeport City

Commissioner Hart made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission the recertification of the listed departments, noting their perfect evaluations, seconded by Commissioner Jones. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

6. Consideration of New Fire Department Application – Hurricane VFD #2.

Marshal Tyree addressed the Committee regarding the phase 1 application to establish a new department known as Hurricane VFD #2. It is his understanding that the proposed Hurricane VFD #2 (address #2 Rescue Way) would be a training center and that the Chief, members, board president and area served would be the same as those in the current Hurricane VFD (address #1 Rescue Way). He answered questions from the Committee to clarify the location, current coverage, proposed new department coverage, whether it would provide additional services, how it would or wouldn't affect County or State funding and the potential for additional requests of the same nature. It was not Marshal Tyree's recommendation to the Committee to approve moving to phase 2. Chairman Gunnoe inquired if there was anyone there to speak on behalf of the proposed Hurricane VFD #2 and there was not.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission to deny the application, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Having no additional business, Commissioner Oldaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 without objection. Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Disciplinary Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to Order

Commissioner Eastham called to order the regular meeting of the Disciplinary Committee at 11:35am on June 11th, 2026 at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

Roll Call

The following commissioners were present:

Carl Eastham
Grant Gunnoe
Steven Byers
Ted Shriver

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold
Edward George

Unfinished Business

1) Consideration of FDC 2025-035 (Cabin Creek).

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission that no further action is needed by the Commission on FDC 2025-035, seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

New Business

Commissioner Byers requested to be excused from the Committee, and recusal was granted by the Committee Chair.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to leave executive session, seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

1) Consideration of FDC 2026-007.

2) Consideration of FDC 2026-008.

3) Consideration of FDC 2026-009.

- 4) Consideration of FDC 2026-010.
- 5) Consideration of FDC 2026-011.
- 6) Consideration of FDC 2026-012.
- 7) Consideration of FDC 2026-013.
- 8) Consideration of FDC 2026-014.
- 9) Consideration of FDC 2026-015.
- 10) Consideration of FDC 2026-016.
- 11) Consideration of FDC 2026-017.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission that no further Fire Commission action was needed on FDC 2026-007 through FDC 2026-014 and for the Fire Marshals Office to handle them, seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to recommend to the Full Fire Commission FDC 2026-015 through FDC 2026-017 are to be carried over to the August meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Having no additional business, Commissioner Eastham adjourned the meeting

Commissioner White made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Hart. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Legislative Codes Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to Order

Commissioner Shriver called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative and Codes Committee meeting at 10:04am on June 11th, 2026, at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

Roll Call

The following commissioners were present:

Ted Shriver
Brian Jones
Jim Oldaker
Tom Keefer
Edward George
Grant Gunnoe

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold

Unfinished Business

1) Discussion/Consideration of WV Fire Prevention and Control Plan.

Marshal Tyree provided an update on the plan. At this time the document is not ready to be presented as it is still under review by leadership.

No Action Taken.

New business

1) Report and Consideration of 87CSR4, 87CSR6, 87CSR10, 87CSR11, 87CSR12, 87CSR14, 103CSR4 and 103CSR5.

Marshal Tyree reported on the potential updates that are currently under review by leadership. Their hope is that they will be filed by June 24th, 2026.

87CSR4 (State Building Code) Stakeholders meetings were held and the primary concern was the Sunset provision extending to 2032. As for updates, the consensus was to update to the 2024 Edition of the ICC I-codes with a change recommended to the International Mechanical Code (IMC) regarding the new refrigerant and equipment required, the 2024 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with a change

recommended to allow 3 air exchanges per hour, and to use the 2019 edition of ASHRAE 90.1 for commercial projects with the residential staying with the 2024 IECC. There was also a small change to clarify enforcement.

Commissioner Shriver inquired which NEC Code update was recommended and Marshal Tyree responded it was the 2023 edition.

87CSR6 (Certification and Evaluation of Local Fire Departments) is up for a Sunset extension to 2032 and a change primarily centered around County Fire Departments so they would not be required to have an established Fire Department.

87CSR10 (VFD Equipment and Training Grant Fund Disbursement) is up for Sunset extension to 2032 and the only change was in section 4.4 removing references to years.

87CSR11 (Specialized Membership) the Sunset extension to 2032 is the only change.

87CSR12 (Junior Firefighter) is also up for Sunset extension to 2032 and changes were made to align it with HB 4005 that allows greater participation of Junior Firefighters. Commissioner Oldaker noted that the State Fireman's Association did not sponsor that Legislation.

87CSR14 (AFFF) the Sunset extension to 2032 is the only change.

103SCR4 (Regulation of Fireworks and Related Explosive Materials) is up for Sunset extension to 2032 and clarification on 1.4 pro type fireworks and their use. 103CSR4 is a Fire Marshal's Rule.

103SCR5 (Electrician Licensing Rules) is up for Sunset extension to 2032 and a proposed change centered around conflicting language and needs to be removed so it aligns with the Statute. 103CSR5 is a Fire Marshal's Rule

Once these are reviewed by leadership there will be a special meeting for the Fire Commission to approve for filing. Once filed there will be a 30 day public comment period on all of them.

Commissioner Shriver asked, since most of the Rules are just an extension of the sunset date will the public comments still be reviewed. Marshal Tyree noted that all would be reviewed and considered. Counsel stated every comment must be addressed, whether to accept it or reject it. If the Commission voted to accept a comment, then the changes would be made to the filing.

Adjournment

Having no additional business, Commissioner Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:51am without objection.
Meeting adjourned

Commissioner Keefer made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

OSHA Emergency Response Standard Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to order

Commissioner Keefer called to order the meeting of the OSHA Emergency Response Standard Committee Meeting at 11:11am on June 11th, 2026 at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

Roll call

The following commissioners were present:

Tom Keefer
Virgil White
Grant Gunnoe

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold
Edward George

Unfinished business

1) Update on OSHA Emergency Response Standard.

Commissioner Keefer reported that by June 1st the revised rule was to be available with a 30-day comment period to follow but that has not happened yet. Marshal Tyree asked that he be notified as soon as document comes out. Mark Lambert recommended that if someone has a comment they should make it as very few came for WV during the previous comment period. There is a letter pending from the Commission.

New business

None

Adjournment

Commissioner White moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am without objection. Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Training Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to Order

Commissioner White called to order the regular meeting of the Training Committee at 11:20am on June 11th, 2026 at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

The following commissioners were present:

Virgil White
Jim Oldaker
Doug Estep
Tom Keefer
Grant Gunnoe

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion/Consideration of NFPA 101 Support Personnel Standard and Commission Approval.

No Action Taken will remain on Agenda for August meeting.

New Business

1) WVU-Fire Service Extension Report

Mark Lambert reported on their recent activities including Junior Camp and the recognition of Commissioner Oldaker by Fire House magazine; testimony he will be giving at the Legislative Interim on Fire Cause and Fire Death; and a video created by the WVU Cancer Alliance.

2. Public Service Training Report

Robert Bailey reported that all the regions are staying busy at various Fire Schools and Training; next weekend is the Fire Expo at the Summersville Marina in Nicholas County; PST continues to see an increase in requests for IFSAC; and that they have a new coordinator at the Charleston Regional, Darin Virag.

Adjournment

Having no additional business, Commissioner Oldaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:28am without objection. Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Grant Funding Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Call to order

Commissioner Estep called to order the meeting of the Grant Funding Committee Meeting at 11:30AM on June 11th, 2026 at the TC Energy Building, Charleston WV.

Roll call

The following commissioners were present:

Doug Estep
Phil Hart
Jim Oldaker
Grant Gunnoe
Steven Byers

The following commissioners were absent:

Doug Mongold

Unfinished business

None

New business

- 1) Consideration of Opening FY2027 VFD Equipment and Training Grant Fund.

No Action Needed. The Fire Marshal's Office will start the necessary preparation.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 without objection. Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

See Disciplinary Report

1) Consideration of FDC 2025-035 Cabin Creek (tabled at April meeting)

Commissioner White made a motion to remove FDC 2025-035 from the table, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion that no further action Fire Commission action was needed on FDC 2025-035, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2) Discussion/Consideration of WV Fire Prevention and Control Plan.

See Legislative and Code Report

No Action

3) Consideration of Discussion/Consideration of NFPA 1010 Support Personnel Standard and Commission Approval.

See Training Report

No Action

4) Update on OSHA Emergency Response Standard.

See OSHA Standard Report

No Action

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Consideration/Report of Temporary Fire Officer Certification.

See FDS Report

- a) Jason Perry (Pritchard)

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to approve applications as listed, seconded by Commissioner Jones. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2) Consideration of Fire Chief Applications.

See FDS Report

- a) David Malcolm (Springfield Valley)
- b) Ed Cochran Jr (Loup Creek)
- c) Justin Ratcliff (Patterson Creek)

- d) Shawun Lambert (Reedsville)
- e) Larry Palmer Jr (Franklin Community)
- f) William Rinehart (River Road)
- g) Kevin Kimple (Moundsville City)
- h) Kenneth White Jr (Cabin Creek)
- i) Christopher Wilson (Fairview)
- j) Zachary Hendricks (Gilbert)
- k) Josh Smith (Bakerton)

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to approve applications as listed, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

3) Report on Fire Departments Receiving 180 Days to Achieve Compliance.

See FDS Report

- a) Patterson Creek
- b) Lost Creek
- c) Reynoldsville VFD

No Action Needed

4) Consideration of Recertification of Fire Departments.

See FDS Report

- a) Bramwell VFD
- b) Montcalm VFD

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to recertify the listed departments, seconded by Commissioner Eastham . With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

5) Consideration of Perfect Evaluation Recertification of Fire Departments.

See FDS Report

- a) Shavers Fork VFD
- b) Reedsville VFD
- c) West Milford
- d) Salem VFD
- e) Lumberport VFD
- f) Spelter VFD
- g) Clarksburg City
- h) Bridgeport City

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to recertify the departments noting their perfect evaluations, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

6) Consideration of New Fire Department Application – Hurricane VFD #2.

See FDS Report

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to deny the application seconded by Commissioner Hart. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

7) Report on WV Fire Death Rates.

Reports will begin at the August 2026 Commission meeting.

8) Consideration of FDC 2026-007

9) Consideration of FDC 2026-008

10) Consideration of FDC 2026-009

11) Consideration of FDC 2026-010

12) Consideration of FDC 2026-011

13) Consideration of FDC 2026-012

14) Consideration of FDC 2026-013

15) Consideration of FDC 2026-014

16) Consideration of FDC 2026-015

17) Consideration of FDC 2026-016

18) Consideration of FDC 2026-017

See Disciplinary Report

Commissioner Eastham made a motion that no additional Fire Commission action is needed and that the Fire Marshals Office will handle the complaint on FDC 2026-007 through FDC 2026-014 seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to carry over to the August meeting complaints FDC 2026-015 through FDC 2026-017 seconded by Commissioner Hart. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed

19) Report and Consideration of 87CSR4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 12, and 103CSR 4 and 8.

See Legislative and Code Report

No Action Taken but there will be a special meeting with date tbd.

20) Consideration of Opening FY2027 VFD Equipment and Training Grant Fund.

Commissioner White made a motion for the Fire Marshal's Office to start the Grant process, seconded by Commissioner Estep. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

SPEAKERS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

October meeting location and dates. Dates would be October 1st and 2nd, 2026. Location TBD.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

Committee Meetings - 10:00am Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, and Commission Meeting 9:00am Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 will be held at Cacapon Resort, Berkeley Springs WV.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn at 10:30am without objection. Meeting adjourned.
