

**COUNTY OF VOLUSIA
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PENSION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Finance Conference Room
Thomas C. Kelly Administration Building 3rd Floor
123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, Florida**

May 14, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Brandy Futch, Volunteer Fire Service Representative
Mary L. Yochum, Volunteer Fire Service Representative
Dana Paige-Pender, Human Resources Director
Joe King, Fire Chief
Ryan Ossowski, Chief Financial Officer

STAFF MEMBERS

Russ Brown, Deputy County Attorney
Roger Wittenberg, Operations Manager
Sonja Baker, Senior Administrative Assistant



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

The Finance Conference Room will be open for public participation. You may provide written comments regarding this agenda by email to rossowski@volusia.org, or by letter to Attn: Ryan Ossowski, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department, 123 West Indiana Avenue, Room 300, DeLand, Florida 32720. Comments received by May 10, 2024, will be presented to the Advisory Board and become part of the public record. Please include your name, address, and the case number in your correspondence.

In order to be recognized by the advisory committee during the time for Public Participation, a speaker shall first notify the advisory committee when during the section for Public Participation on this agenda. Public participation shall be limited to 3 minutes.





NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (TITLE II)

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the County of Volusia ("County") will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

County will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in County programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

The ADA does not require the County to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

County will make such reasonable modification to policies and programs for qualified persons with disabilities to ensure they have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in County offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid, service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of County, should contact the office of the County's ADA Coordinator, James Corbett, at (386) 248-1760 as soon as possible, but no later than two (2) business days before the scheduled event or meeting. This paragraph shall likewise apply to written requests by a physically handicapped person needing a special accommodation to attend a public meeting in accordance with section 286.26, Florida Statutes.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of County is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the County in accordance with the County of Volusia Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Title II). A copy of the procedure may be obtained by contacting the office of the County's ADA Coordinator, (386) 248-1760.

County will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

Assisted listening system receivers are available for the hearing impaired, and can be obtained from the Commission liaison by calling 386-736-5959, extension 12735 or 12777.



I. CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 p.m.

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II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of minutes from the meeting of October 12, 2023
- b. Update on payout and dissolution of Volunteer Firefighters Pension Plan

V. ADJOURNMENT

**VOLUSIA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**



October 12, 2023

MEMBERS

Ryan Ossowski, Chief Financial Officer
Dana Paige-Pender, Human Resources Director
Joe King, Fire Chief
Brandy Futch, Volunteer Fire Services Representative.

STAFF

Heather Wallace, Assistant County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ossowski indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss moving forward with dissolution of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund. Mr. Ossowski made a motion to move forward to hire an actuary to determine the payout to members of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund. Chief King seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board discussed that another meeting would be held once the information is received from the actuary.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.