



WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
WESTFIELD FIRE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2026



Fire Commissioner Chairperson Jeffrey Trant called the meeting of the Westfield Fire Commission (hereinafter WFC) of February 26, 2026 to order.

Location: Westfield City Hall
City Council Chambers
59 Court Street
Westfield, MA

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Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 12:02 hours

WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

MINUTES TAKEN:

Christie Fillion, Westfield Fire Department (hereinafter 'WFD') Office Manager

Chairman's announcement:

Westfield Fire Commissioner Chairperson Jeffrey Trant in accordance with the Open Meeting Law Changes (Reference Memorandum dated June 18, 2010 'Open Meeting Law Changes'), from the Office of the City Solicitor, made the following announcement to all participants and attendees that the Westfield Fire Commission meeting of February 26, 2026, is being audio-recorded.

Westfield Fire Commissioner Chairperson Jeffrey Trant also made the following inquiry. If there is anyone making a video or audio recording of the meeting, please provide your names and addresses to the Commission. No one else was recording the meeting.

PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Commissioners Jeffrey Siegel, Brian Sutton and Jeffrey Trant. Deputy Chiefs Eric Bishop, Pat Kane Jr, and Chris King. Fire Captain Mike Hawthorne. Firefighters Duane Desilets, Willard Kopatz, Kyle Morrissey, and Clarke Robinson. Personnel Director Anne Larkham. Mayor Michael McCabe. City Councilor James Adams and Michael Burns. City Solicitor Shanna Reed. Emergency Management Director Ronald Gibbons. Former Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli.

Commissioner Trant requested a roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Jeffrey Siegel	Present
Commissioner Brian Sutton	Present
Commissioner Jeffrey Trant	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

- a. Interview for Westfield Fire Chief
1. Candidate: Deputy Chief Eric Bishop

The Fire Commission asked Deputy Eric Bishop for an opening statement. The Fire Commissioners then interviewed Deputy Bishop taking turns asking questions. At the conclusion of the questions, Deputy Bishop provided a closing statement to the Commission.

Motion:

Fire Commissioner Jeffrey Trant ascertained a motion that the Westfield Fire Commission appoint Eric Bishop Chief of the Westfield Fire Department effective April 18, 2026, and/or the day following Chief Patrick Egloff's retirement.

Fire Commissioner Brian Sutton made the motion.

Fire Commissioner Jeffrey Siegel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Trant asked for a discussion.

Commissioner Siegel expressed that this is a strong candidate between his educational background and continued professional education along with working for 26 years in the same Fire Department while working his way up the ranks.

Commissioner Sutton seconded what Commissioner Siegel said and added that he appreciated the hard work, admired the way he moved up the ranks and didn't know anyone else who would be prepared for this job.

Commissioner Trant agreed with the other two Commissioners and recognized the commitment made by Deputy Bishop for continuing the development of his knowledge, skills and leadership.

Roll Call

Commissioner Jeffrey Siegel	YES
Commissioner Jeffrey Trant	YES
Commissioner Brian Sutton	YES

YES (3) NO (0)

Motion Passed

Motion: Fire Commissioner Trant ascertained a motion to adjourn.

Fire Commissioner Siegel made the motion.

Fire Commissioner Sutton the motion.

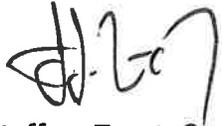
Roll Call

Commissioner Brian Sutton	YES
Commissioner Jeffrey Siegel	YES
Commissioner Jeffrey Trant	YES

YES (3) NO (0)

Time: 13:08 hours

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Trant, Commissioner Chairperson
Westfield Fire Commission
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