

East Baton Rouge Fire Protection District 6
Board Minutes May 20, 2025

Board Members: R. HIGGINS, CHAIRMAN
S. GRAVES, VICE CHAIRMAN
C. MAY, ABSENT
R. FORT
T. STOUT

Non-Members: C. Dunn, K. Sanchez, R. Wallace, V. Cullen, C. Alsept, P. Battley, C. Martin

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Reviewed the minutes from April 15, 2025, no questions or objections noted. Motion to adopt minutes by Commissioner Graves seconded by Commissioner Fort.

Motion made by Chairman Higgins and seconded by Commissioner Graves to accept the financial report.

Old Business:

1. Station 52 discussion on Electric Service Upgrade vs Gas Appliance install - Chief Dunn informed the Board that two out of three quotes have been received for converting electrical appliances to gas. Additional time is needed to obtain the third quote, as well as to gather pricing information for the appliances and installation costs from HVAC companies.

A public comment period provided prior to all items requiring a vote.

New Business:

1. **Call Election and Renew 5 Mill Tax** Pass a resolution calling for the approval of the **renewal of the levy and collection of the 5 mill, nine (9) year, ad valorem property tax** on property within the District and authorizing the calling of an election on **Saturday, November 15, 2025**, for submission of this question to the District voters. The 5 mill ad valorem tax will expire at the end of the 2025 tax year and the renewal will be for the years of 2026 through 2034 (inclusive). This tax is dedicated to fund the development, operation and maintenance of the fire protection facilities of the District including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and fire hydrants within the District.
Resolution 25-05-01 – Hearing no public comment or opposition, Resolution 25-05-01 was brought to a vote and was verbally and unanimously approved by all members present.

Chiefs Report:

1. Cancer Screening Bill - Chief Dunn presented an overview of the newly introduced Cancer Screening Bill and outlined the District's implementation plan:
 - 2025: Screen retired members and those aged 50 and older
 - 2026: Screen members aged 40–49
 - 2027: Screen members aged 20–39Screenings will be conducted by Ochsner or Occupational Medicine using the GRAIL test and a physical exam. The estimated cost per screening ranges between \$1,200 and \$1,500, depending on the firefighter's age and sex.
2. House Fire with civilian casualty 6550 Hooper Rd. – Chief Dunn provided a summary of the fire to the Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Fort and seconded by Commissioner Graves. The motion carried unanimously.