



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Annual Installation Banquet
Thursday December 5, 2025 – 12:00 am
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL**



1. Call to Order - First Vice-President Gaertner called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - First Vice-President Gaertner led the attendees in the "Pledge of Allegiance".
3. Moment of Silence - First Vice-President Gaertner asked for a moment of Silence for fallen Comrades, Retired Chief, and Bloomingdale Commissioner Tim Deutschle.
4. Roll Call – (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP for a quorum) –
 - a. First Vice-President Gaertner verified with Secretary Norvilas and declared that a quorum was present.
5. Dispensing of the Regular Order of Business – A motion was made by the North Palos to suspend the normal order of business to observe the Installation of Officers and Annual Banquet, seconded by Barrington.
Voice Vote: Unanimous
6. Acknowledgements – First Vice-President Gaertner acknowledged the Luncheon Committee and the 2025 Metro Chiefs Association Officers and Board of Directors.
7. Installation of 2026 Officers – Illinois Fire Chiefs Association President Brian Lambel administered the Oaths of Office to the following incoming Officers:
 - a. President Thomas Gaertner, River Forest FD
 - b. 1st Vice President Paul Segalla, Long Grove FPD
 - c. 2nd Vice President Steve Norvilas, North Palos FPD
 - d. Secretary Kevin Doyle, Orland FPD
 - e. Past President Alan Wax, Hoffman Estates FD
8. Recognition of Past Presidents – President Gaertner acknowledge the service of all the organization's past presidents and expressed particular appreciation to Immediate Past President Wax.
9. Announcements – President Garenter made several announcements.
10. Adjournment – A motion was made by the Warrenville FPD to adjourn the business meeting, seconded by Orland FPD.
Voice Vote: Unanimous
Adjournment Time: 12:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Norvilas

Chief Steve Norvilas, Secretary