

# ***NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION***

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## **ABRIDGED REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ**

**MAY 2, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Ordway at 9:00 am in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was posted on the New Jersey State Firemen's website as required pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

President Ordway pointed out the fire exits.

Vice President Hankins led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members and their families.

First Assistant Secretary Dreby recited the opening prayer.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Called by First Assistant Secretary Dreby, all members were present, except for Daniel Scheuer Sussex County with an excused absence. Guests in the audience were Past Secretary Sanford Weinberg.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Abridged Minutes and Verbatim Minutes of the February 21, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting were approved as distributed on a motion by Executive Committeeman Figueroa, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Secretary Martone stated that there is nothing verbal at this time. A motion to accept Communications both read and distributed to the Executive Committee by Executive Committeeman Otterbein, seconded by Executive Committeeman Kurdyla. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **LIFE MEMBER REPORT:**

None currently.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

#### **Vice President Hankins:**

Vice President Hankins mentioned that there is a quote from Label Pins Plus for this year's Convention

Badges/Ribbons with an increase in the number of badges from 6,000 to 6,500 due to running short last year. He stated that the price is less per badge because of the increase in the number of badges and the total price is \$22,945.00 which will be brought up under new business. Vice President Hankins stated that he decided to run for President after discussions with President Ordway, he hopes that everyone supports him. He mentioned the live streaming which will be brought up under old business by Secretary Martone.

**Secretary Martone:**

Secretary Martone mentioned that a written report was submitted and stated that he will bring up the live streaming under old business along with explaining the proposals. He stated that the Red Books are currently at the typesetter and next step is being sent to the printer. He stated that he hopes that they will be completed for the July Meeting where they can be distributed then. Secretary Martone mentioned that since Vice President Hankins announced the candidacy for President, he has decided to run for Vice President, and he appreciates everyone's support. President Ordway asked about the Petitions and Resolutions. Secretary Martone stated that he has received a bunch of petitions for officers/executives/managers already and reminded everyone of the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. He stated that the resolutions deadline was yesterday, and he has received two of them which will be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee for review/discussion to be placed on this year's ballot.

**First Assistant Secretary Dreby:**

First Assistant Secretary Dreby mentioned that he had nothing to report at this time.

**Second Assistant Secretary Fazekas:**

Second Assistant Secretary Fazekas reported that he is working on the 2026 Memorial Services Agenda. He stated that he sent this out to the Memorial Committee for their feedback and once it is finalized, he will share it with everyone.

**Treasurer Mullen:**

Treasurer Mullen stated that his written report is in the packet and that the annual audit from PKF O'Connor Davies is also in the packet. He stated the 990's for the local associations there have been 350 filled so far out of the 535. He mentioned that he is working on some issues with the 990's including with the locals filing them on their own. President Ordway stated that Treasurer Mullen has been correcting the issues that the locals have been doing in the past as they go along and stated that it was a good thing that we are completing these in the office now.

**Field Examiner Hollingsworth:**

Field Examiner Hollingsworth stated that her report is included in the packets along with an updated of the Associations under-review list. She stated that all the field exams are completed, and the letters have been sent out except for Passaic County which we just completed this week. She reported that there is only one more field exam scheduled in Cape May County in September during the week in Wildwood. She thanked everyone for all their help and stated that there has been a great improvement in the locals regarding the field exams.

**Counsel Cavallo:**

Counsel Cavallo stated that he has no report at this time.

**Assistant Counsel Morris:**

Assistant Counsel Morris stated that he has no report at this time.

**President Ordway:****1. Office Closures:**

The office will be closed for the following various Holidays.

- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- From Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to thru Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

**2. Reports Due:**

- One Association is not seated for the Convention to date.
- There has been 100% on time for the Membership Report, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Relief Paid Report, and the Delegates Selection Forms.

**3. Field Exams**

- Thank you to all that participated, the more Executives we have there, the easier the night goes and gives more time to answer some questions. There is still one County to go, Cape May County, which will be during the Convention week.

**4. Temporary Appointment:**

- I have made a temporary appointment to fill the unexpired term of the Monmouth County Manager and there will be an election at the Monmouth County Caucus to permanently fill the unexpired balance of that County Manager's Term.

**5. Misc:**

- Contact one of the Officers if you are interested in having a workshop.
- In your packet are various reports for your review.
- Yesterday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, \$12,959,950.00 was wired to the NJFH.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be wiring out the funds to the Local Associations. Discussion & voting will be under new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Advisory Committee:**

Chairman Walker mentioned that his report is in the packet, and he stated that applications for special relief which were approved year to date were 48 for a total of \$147,941.00, special relief paid out by Locals is \$57,123.00. Applications for supplemental relief were approved year to date were 27, for a total of \$381,539.00. He stated that in 2025 total payout was \$684,029.00, and total payout by Locals was \$125,061.12.

**Compendium Committee:**

Chairman Roemmich stated that he held a meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026. He stated that the committee is in the process of reviewing the state statutes, local bylaws, and the compendium for necessary changes. He mentioned that this is an ongoing process with numerous meetings, and that he had hoped to have this completed for today's meeting. He stated that they hope to have the review and revision of all documents completed with distribution to all Executive Committee members for your review and discussion for the July 18, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting. He reported that there are some items for new sections which are,

defining paid personnel, adding verbiage for resolutions at the convention, verbiage for subsidy, and adding a section about health care. He asked if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them to him or Secretary Martone. President Ordway stated that when you do receive these updates, please review these documents as it is a large document and you will need time to go through them all.

**Delegate–Life Member Committee:**

Chairman Florio reported that he had no report at this time.

**Finance Committee:**

Treasure Mullen stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting in the next two weeks to review the third quarter finances.

**Firemen’s Home Committee:**

Chairman Otterbein mentioned that his report is in the packet and stated that he wanted to read a statement into the record. Chairman Otterbein read the following.

On Friday, March 27, 2026, representatives from the Liaison Committees of the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association (NJSFA) and the New Jersey Firemen’s Home (NJFH) met with New Jersey State Senator Anthony Bucco at his legislative office in Denville, New Jersey. This meeting was held at the request of the Senator. Attending from the State Association were: Rich Otterbein, Larry Handlin, & Gene Minell.

The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss Senator Bucco’s recommendation for a comprehensive and independent joint study to assess the financial positions of both organizations. Both committees recognized the importance of this initiative and agreed to fully cooperate in conducting a thorough financial review.

During the meeting, the committees expressed gratitude for Senator Bucco’s support and acknowledged his recommendation for the independent financial study. The primary objective is to ensure that the funds obtained by the 2% Fire Insurance Tax serve the best interests of both organizations and all New Jersey firefighters. Senator Bucco offered his assistance in identifying a qualified consultant or consulting firm capable of conducting a detailed assessment of the financial standing of each organization. The goal is for the consultant to provide informed recommendations for future decision-making based on the study’s findings. The committees confirmed their commitment to implementing pertinent study findings in principle and emphasized the value of transparency and evidence-based analysis in guiding the future direction of their organizations.

The meeting also included a discussion regarding the potential for the introduction of outside influence and its effect on the impartiality of the study. All agreed that external interference must be avoided to preserve the integrity of the independent evaluation. The Senator noted that it will be important for the joint committee to direct the retained independent study firm to distance itself from all outside interference.

Senator Bucco was also aware of the general details of the proposed Home expansion project and associated cost estimates ranging from \$38 million to \$50 million. The Senator stated that he never advised or promised that State Legislative funding would be available for the project. The Senator is aware that there is no current funding allocation and that the actual need for the expansion as proposed, as well as funding options, has not yet been determined. The committees expect that both the independent study and their own analysis will result in recommendations concerning available funding as well as the scope, size, feasibility, and actual need for the proposed expansion.

I can report that Senator Bucco has provided a recommendation on several potential firms to conduct the study and that the committee is currently developing a scope of work for the project. The committee plans to begin interviewing and selecting a firm soon.

Finally, the joint committee is committed to completing the assigned work task fairly and impartially. All parties outside the joint committee are asked to be patient as we proceed forward with the study.

Executive Committeeman Walker stated that both associations should be holding their comments until this committee is able to provide answers. Vice President Hankins asked to repeat the names of the managers who attend these joint committee meetings and asked if it was discussed about sharing the costs. Chairman Otterbein stated Managers Hull, Keyser, & Joas were in attendance and Manager Dunn was absent. He stated that it was agreed upon to share the cost and they are working on getting proposals for price and scope of work to be completed.

#### **Health Care Committee:**

Chairman Reeves stated that his report is included in the packets. He mentioned some of the numbers that were paid out, in 2024 approximately \$17.1 million, in 2025 approximately \$16.5 million. He stated that for this year we have paid approximately \$5.6 million and at the most recent meeting we paid approximately \$330,000. He thanked Field Examiner Hollingsworth for all her hard work towards this program.

#### **Investment Committee:**

Executive Committeeman Handlin stated that the committee has been working Treasurer Mullen on the new accounts and reinvesting some of the old accounts. He stated that the Treasury Bonds have approximately \$22.5 million, and the older legacy bonds have approximately \$12.3 million, for a total of \$34.8 million. He stated that these accounts are earmarked to back up all our programs, Burial, HealthCare, & Special Relief.

#### **Legislative Committee:**

Chairman Dreby stated that the Legislative Committee's report is in the packets. He stated that he also distributed the Lobbyist Report from Matt. He mentioned that the officers continue to meet with Senate and Assembly members to help with not only the cancer screening legislation but others important to the fire service as well. Executive Committeeman Naylis mentioned A-1536, Single Exit Stairwell bill and shared his thoughts on monitoring this bill. He stated that this bill would change the current building code. He mentioned that there is the possibility of this issue being pursued on the federal level for the purpose of affordable housing. He asked the committee to monitor this bill and take a position in the opposition.

#### **Long Range Planning/Review Committee:**

Chairman Lane stated that the committee met on April 23, 2026, and we reviewed some of the programs. He stated that currently there are 260 active members using the health care program. He stated that committee discussed increasing the numbers since it has not been updated since 2022 and is recommending an increase of an additional \$500.00. He mentioned subsidy and the review of the breakdown of numbers that were spent by the subsidy associations. He stated that the committee is recommending that the Compendium Committee add something concerning the rules that these subsidy associations must follow as far as administrative expenses and convention expenses. Chairman Lane stated that the committee also reviewed the burial benefit and is recommending an increase of \$400.00 to the total bring it to \$12,800.00. He also mentioned that President Ordway requested the committee investigate the possibility of cancer screening for future discussion.

#### **Pension Committee:**

Chairman Mullen reported that the committee met prior to this morning's Executive Committee meeting. He

stated that they are still trying to get the pension recipients to switch over to direct deposit. He mentioned that approximately half are receiving direct deposits, which is the safe option for these payments.

#### **Resolution Committee:**

Assistant Counsel Morris stated that the deadline to submit resolutions has passed and he mentioned that the committee will meet to discuss the ones that were received. President Ordway asked if the committee meeting can happen sooner than later to provide enough time to send the information out to the locals, and Assistant Counsel Morris agreed.

#### **Salary Committee:**

Chairman Jubert stated that the committee is working on a proposal and should have it ready for the July Meeting. He apologized for not having this completed sooner.

#### **Fire Commission:**

Commissioner Naylis reported that the next Safety Commission meeting will be on May 21, 2026, at the Bergen County Fire Academy. He mentioned that comments for the new fire code were due by May 1, 2026. He stated that the newly appointed Director, Wayne Wolfe, was appointed by the Governor, and is currently still acting till approved by the Senate. He mentioned the foam law was extended for one additional year and they are still collecting the foam that needs to be destroyed. He stated that the training regulations had some changes to include Junior/Auxiliary Firefighters and explained what they can do. He reported that there are changes to the fire code that they are currently working on.

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

1. Chesterfield Township # 068 (Burlington County) is requesting Fire Company 1 to be closed and made inactive along with a name change to Fire Company #2 to Chesterfield Township Fire Company. A motion to close Company #1 and a name change for Company #2 by Executive Committeeman Lane, seconded by Executive Committeeman Reeves. **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Logan Township # 381 (Gloucester County) is requesting Fire Company 1 to be closed and made inactive along with a name change to Fire Company #2 to Logan Township Volunteer Fire Company. A motion to close Company #1 and a name change for Company #2 by Executive Committeeman Roemmich, seconded by Executive Committeeman Kelly. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Secretary Martone mentioned there are several others that he is working on, and he is waiting for some of the paperwork to be received. He stated that he will have more for the July Meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Secretary Martone explained the proposals for Live Streaming/Recording the Executive Committee Meetings that were requested. He stated that the intention was for live streaming only and not for the meeting to be interactive virtually. He mentioned that the system would record each meeting, and they will be shared via our website with a link to go back to the archive recordings of the previous meetings. He explained that the audio-visual equipment in the meeting room needs to be upgraded, and the proposal provides a list of the equipment that is needed. He stated that there are two options in one replacing all the equipment upfront and the second one utilizing some of the older equipment in the room that is currently there and possibly upgrading that equipment in the future. A discussion followed with Secretary Martone answering numerous questions from the

Executive Committee. A motion to move forward with the bid process to purchase all the equipment needed to Live Stream/Record the Executive Committee Meetings was made by Executive Committeeman Speigel, seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin. There was a short discussion after the motion including Assistant Counsel Morris explaining having to go out to bid for this project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Assistant Counsel Morris asked for a second motion for the state to enter into a shared services agreement or co-op purchasing agreement if needed. A motion by Executive Committeeman Handlin, seconded by Executive Committeeman Otterbein. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Executive Committeeman Naylis asked about the status of the new committee that he requested at the last meeting for a cancer screening study. President Ordway responded so noted.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None required for this meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Appointment for Field Examiner:**

A motion to reappoint Jennie Hollingsworth for Field Examiner by Executive Committeeman Joo, seconded by Executive Committeeman Speigel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Appointment for Counsel/Assistant Counsel:**

A motion to reappointment Frank Cavallo for Counsel and George Morris for Assistant Counsel by Executive Committeeman Kelly, seconded by Executive Committeeman Roemmich. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Approval of the 2026/2027 Budget:**

A motion to approve the proposed 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget by Executive Committeeman Otterbein, seconded by Executive Committeeman Handlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSED 20-0.**

4. **Approval of the Distributions of funds to the Locals:**

A motion to approve the recommendation for the distributions of funds to the locals on May 15, 2026, by Executive Committeeman Roemmich, seconded by Executive Committeeman Phillips.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSED 20-0.**

5. **Increase to the Burial Benefit:**

A motion to increase the Burial Benefit \$400.00 to \$12,800.00 as of May 1, 2026, by Executive Committeeman Phillips, seconded by Executive Committeeman Lenarski.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSED 19-1.**

6. **Increase to the Health Care Program:**

A motion to increase the Health Care Program \$500.00 to \$6,500.00/\$12,500.00 as of May 1, 2026, by Executive Committeeman Handlin, seconded by Executive Committeeman Smith. Executive Committeeman Handlin stated that the committee worked very hard on these increases and was very thorough in considering all the increases to the programs. **ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSED 20-0.**

7. **Purchase of the 2026 Convention Badges:**

A motion to purchase the 2026 Convention Badges by Executive Committeeman Reeves, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio. **ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSED 20-0.**

Field Examiner Hollingsworth presented a new Convention Delegate/Life Member Expense Affidavit requiring both delegates and life members to include receipts. She stated that she received some complaints/questions about this as well as some issues during the field exams with these affidavits. President Ordway explained some issues with making these changes. A motion to approve the new form with the requirement to provide

receipts by Executive Committeeman Handlin, seconded by Executive Committeeman Florio. Executive Committeewoman Badger mentioned that she had some issues in her county last year concerning receipts and she believes this is a good thing. Executive Committeeman Naylis stated that he feels this is premature and this should go to a committee for review before being presented to the Executive Committee. A motion to table the discussion until the July Meeting by Executive Committee Naylis, seconded by Executive Committeeman Kelly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION TABLED 17-3.**

Executive Committeeman Kelly asked if the payment to the Firemen's Home was made and needs to be approved. President Ordway stated that it was included in last year's budget, and he reported under his officer's report that the payment was made yesterday.

Executive Committeeman Walker stated that he received a letter from Penn's Grove Association concerning complaints about the corporate name change and that he forwarded to Counsel Cavallo. He asked for a response from Counsel on the letter. Counsel Cavallo stated that the letter wanted to know why we were dropping the word Relief Association. He stated that the reason for dropping the word relief was due to us having more than just relief and felt that it was necessary to change. He also stated that the name was changed to Firefighters instead of Firemen's which was approved in the past with the doing business as paperwork was submitted. Executive Committeeman Walker stated that they were objected to this and wanted to know what will happen if they do not sign these forms. Counsel Cavallo stated that the state officers would sign them to proceed with this. President Ordway stated that there are only a handful of associations that have not completed this yet, that most of them have completed it. He explained that there were some complaints about the state looking to grab the locals' money and he mentioned that was never the intention with these forms.

Executive Committeeman Otterbein stated that he wanted to correct the list of names of Managers who were on joint study committee for the Firemen's Home. He reported that Managers Hull, Keyser, Miller, Joas, & Dunn are the members representing the Firemen's Home for that committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** First Assistant Secretary Dreby read the Public Comment Instructions. President Ordway mentioned that he received several complaints about previous meetings having comments extending over the three-minute time limit and stated that we will try to politely adhere to the three-minute time limit.

Timothy Apgar, Hunterdon County Firemen's Home Manager, read a statement.

As Chairman of the Board of Managers of the NJ Firemen's Home, I would like to address the Association Officers and Executive Committee.

There has been an abundance of rumors about the Managers if the Home wanting to expand the facility with a 5-story addition for \$30-40 million dollars.

At this time, they are just that, rumors. Nothing has been voted on by the Board of Managers. There has only been a committee formed to gather information on how best to serve the firefighters of NJ.

The discussions taking place include the possibility of providing single occupancy rooms with private bathrooms or possibly renovating the current space, lowering the available occupancy to meet the single room goal.

Please know this, there has been no decision concerning an addition or expansion of our facility that currently accommodates 96 beds.

This rumor grew, as a member of the long-term planning committee, who is a proponent of a large addition, stated he would like to add \$14 million dollars to our budget for three years (a total of \$42 million dollars), well before any plan was developed or brought to the table.

Additionally, we currently have a joint committee that is working on an efficiency study and that process is in its infancy.

So, to re-affirm, there has been no vote taken to approve any funds or capital projects. I have asked each manager to go back to their respective counties to get feedback from their members to bring back to our body. I encourage each of you to meet with your associations and provide feedback to me as well.

Thank you for allowing me the time to speak.

President Ordway closed the public portion of the meeting as there was no one else from the public wishing to speak.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

President Ordway stated that the next meeting will be held Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 9:00 am.

President Ordway stated that we discussed several items today with a bunch of votes/approvals and he thanked the committees for their work on the various items. He thanked the Executive Committee for their cooperation in getting through today's agenda. He mentioned for everyone to have a good rest of the day.

Executive Committeeman Roemmich stated that he did put a petition in to run for State Secretary after speaking to Hankins, Martone, Dreby, and Fazekas. He mentioned that he was the Executive that decided to run for Secretary and put in a petition.

Executive Committeeman Kelly stated that he wanted to introduce Mr. John Beslanovitz as the newly appointed Monmouth County Firemen's Home Manager.

Counsel Cavallo stated that he wanted to thank the Executive Committee for appointing him to his 19<sup>th</sup> year as it's been a pleasure and an honor to serve this association with Mr. Morris.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Executive Committeeman Figueroa, seconded by Executive Committeeman Lane. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brian E. Martone*

Brian E. Martone

Secretary

New Jersey State Firemen's Association

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PRES   ABS

NAME	TITLE	X						
			2026-2027 Budget		Distribution of funds to local Associations on May 15		Increase burial benefit \$400.00	
			YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ROBERT F. ORDWAY	PRESIDENT	X						
JOSEPH T. HANKINS	VICE PRESIDENT	X						
BRIAN E. MARTONE	SECRETARY	X						
RICHARD K. DREBY	1ST ASST. SECY	X						
STEPHEN C. FAZEKAS	2ND ASST. SECY	X						
EDWARD R. MULLEN	TREASURER	X						
JENNIE HOLLINGSWORTH	FIELD EXAMINER	X						
FRANK P. CAVALLO, JR.	COUNSEL	X						
GEORGE M. MORRIS	ASS'T COUNSEL	X						
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC	X	X		X		X	
GERARD J. NAYLIS	BERGEN	X	X		X		X	
GEORGE T. JOO	BURLINGTON	X	X		X		X	
NORMAN F. FIGUEROA, JR.	CAMDEN	X	X		X		X	
DANIEL F. SPEIGEL	CAPE MAY	PH	X		X		X	
JAMES F. REEVES	CUMBERLAND	X	X		X		X	
RICHARD C. OTTERBEIN	ESSEX	X	X		X		X	
GLENN D. ROEMMICH	GLOUCESTER	X	X		X		X	
LAWERENCE J. HANDLIN	HUDSON	X	X		X		X	
JOHN R. PHILLIPS	HUNTERDON	X	X		X		X	
JOSEPH M. LENARSKI	MERCER	X	X		X		X	
WILLIAM J. SMITH	MIDDLESEX	X	X		X		X	
ROBERT J. KELLY	MONMOUTH	X	X		X		X	
EUGENE T. MINELL	MORRIS	X	X		X		X	
JOSEPH JUBERT	OCEAN	X	X		X		X	
JOHN V. LANE	PASSAIC	X	X		X		X	
FRANCIS X. WALKER, JR.	SALEM	X	X		X			X
ALLEN F. KURDYLA	SOMERSET	X	X		X		X	
DANIEL L. SCHEUER	SUSSEX	EX	EX		EX		EX	
NICHOLAS J. FLORIO	UNION	X	X		X		X	
JOSPEH MECSEY 3RD	WARREN	X	X		X		X	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>

GUESTS: Past Secretary Sandy Weinberg

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NAME	TITLE			INCREASE HOME HEALTH AND NURSING HOME \$500.00		PURCHASE OF CONVENTION BADGES		TABLE OF REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR CONVENTION EXPENSES	
				YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ROBERT F. ORDWAY	PRESIDENT								
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FRANK P. CAVALLO, JR.	COUNSEL								
GEORGE M. MORRIS	ASS'T COUNSEL								
CINDY L. BADGER	ATLANTIC			X		X		X	
GERARD J. NAYLIS	BERGEN			X		X		X	
GEORGE T. JOO	BURLINGTON			X		X		X	
NORMAN F. FIGUEROA, JR.	CAMDEN			X		X		X	
DANIEL F. SPEIGEL	CAPE MAY			X		X		X	
JAMES F. REEVES	CUMBERLAND			X		X		X	
RICHARD C. OTTERBEIN	ESSEX			X		X		X	
GLENN D. ROEMMICH	GLOUCESTER			X		X		X	
LAWERENCE J. HANDLIN	HUDSON			X		X			X
JOHN R. PHILLIPS	HUNTERDON			X		X		X	
JOSEPH M. LENARSKI	MERCER			X		X		X	
WILLIAM J. SMITH	MIDDLESEX			X		X			X
ROBERT J. KELLY	MONMOUTH			X		X		X	
EUGENE T. MINELL	MORRIS			X		X		X	
JOSEPH JUBERT	OCEAN			X		X		X	
JOHN V. LANE	PASSAIC			X		X		X	
FRANCIS X. WALKER, JR.	SALEM			X		X		X	
ALLEN F. KURDYLA	SOMERSET			X		X		X	
DANIEL L. SCHEUER	SUSSEX			EX		EX		EX	
NICHOLAS J. FLORIO	UNION			X		X			X
JOSPEH MECSEY 3RD	WARREN			X		X		X	
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

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## **Secretary Report Executive Committee Meeting May 2, 2026**

To: Officers & All Members of the Executive Committee,

I would like to give an update on some of the things that I have been working on since the February Meeting. Many of the forms have been updated on the website that needed to be updated. The Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee Manuals are awaiting the updates from the Compendium to be completed. The Convention Committee Workers Letter/Form was sent out to all Executives. Please return this to one of the Secretary's by June 1, 2026, if the workers are the same as last year, then please just let us know.

President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I met with the company that provided the proposals for the Live Streaming/Recording of the Executive Committee Meetings. I will present this under old business.

The Membership Reports were completed, all the transfers/drops that were pending from Maintenance forms have been processed. We removed 305 members due to inactivity from the Five Years of Zeros Program. There are currently 51,199 total active members in our system. I have been working on a bunch of consolidations for local associations and cleaned up some older mergers that need some members transferred/removed.

The Red Book from the 2025 Convention is currently in the process of being printed. The last two reports were just completed and sent to the typesetter. As soon as the final proof copy is sent it will be reviewed then printed, hopefully, in time for the July Executive Committee Meeting. I do apologize for the delay, but it was beyond my control pending these last reports being finalized.

A letter was sent out to all Monmouth County Local Officers for the notification of collecting petitions for the unexpired term of Home Manager due to the recent passing of their manager. Monmouth County will have an election at their Annual County Caucus Meeting for this unexpired term starting on October 1, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Brian E. Martone***

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Secretary

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**NJSFA Treasurer's Report**  
**May 2, 2026**

1. The annual audit, by PKF O'Connor Davies, of our General Fund for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, is complete. Copies of their report are in your packets.
2. We commenced the preparation of IRS Forms 990-N, 990-EZ and 990 for our Locals in-house last month. As of Thursday, April 30, we have completed and E-Filed approximately 325 of the 538 returns. A number of our Locals filed their returns on their own.
3. Still working with, and making progress on, our Retirees to convert pension checks to 'Direct Deposit.' More than half have already chosen this much more secure option.

**Other Notes:**

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee will meet in the coming weeks to review January through March's financial reports.

Pension Committee:

We met this morning. I'll make a brief report.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward R. Mullen, CPA  
Treasurer

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## FIELD EXAMINER'S REPORT

Date: May 2, 2026

The following applications for Special Relief, Supplementary Relief, and the Health Care Program have been processed thus far in 2026:

Applications	Approved	Active Claims	Amount Paid YTD
Special Relief	48	—	\$147,941.00
Supplementary Relief	27	—	\$381,539.00
Health Care Program	29	264	\$5,622,899.83

### Notes:

- Field Exams for 2026 have been completed except for Cape May County. Letters have been emailed to all local officers regarding findings. Thank you to all the workers for their help with the exams and thank you to the field for being at the exams and being prepared.
- I have prepared multiple reports for the committee meetings and attended multiple committee meetings in the last few months.

### Monthly Breakdown:

- January 2026:
  - Reviewed and processed 233 health care reimbursement claims.
  - Processed 6 new health care claims and multiple renewal claims.
  - Reviewed and processed 2 Special and Supplementary Relief claims.
- February 2026:
  - Reviewed and processed 226 health care reimbursement claims.
  - Processed 11 new health care claims and multiple renewal claims.
  - Reviewed and processed 11 Special and Supplementary Relief claims.
- March 2026:
  - Reviewed and processed 229 health care reimbursement claims.
  - Processed 6 new health care claims and multiple renewal claims.
  - Reviewed and processed 20 Special and Supplementary Relief claims.

Sincerely,  
Jennie Hollingsworth  
Field Examiner

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## Associations under review

### Atlantic

#### Associations under review in 2024 from Field Exams

-Linwood

#### Review for relief applications – 2023

-Pleasantville

### Bergen

#### Review for relief applications - 2022

- East Rutherford, Ridgefield, Fairview

#### Review for relief applications – 2023

-Engelwood

#### Associations under review in 2024 from Field Exams

-Dumont

#### Associations under review in 2026 from Field Exams

-Fair Lawn, Upper Saddle River, Washington Twp

### Camden

#### Associations under review in 2024 from Field Exams

-Clementon, Brooklawn, Stratford, Lawnside, Woodlynne

### Essex

#### Review for relief applications - 2022

-Bloomfield, Irvington

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exams

-Irvington

### Gloucester

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exams

-Woodbury Heights

### Hudson

#### Review for relief applications - 2022

-North Bergen, West New York

#### Review for relief applications – 2023

-Hoboken

### Hunterdon

#### Associations under review in 2023 from Field Exams

-West Amwell

### Middlesex

#### Review for relief applications – 2023

- Highland Park

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exams

-Piscataway

### Monmouth

#### Associations under review in 2024 from Field Exams

-Atlantic Highlands, Allentown

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exam

-Matawan Boro, Monmouth Beach

### Ocean

#### Review for relief applications - 2022

-Mantoloking, Twp of Ocean, Ocean Gate

#### Review for relief applications – 2023

-Jackson Twp

### Union

#### Review for relief applications - 2022

-Hillside

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exams

-Fanwood Boro, Rahway

### Warren

#### Associations under review in 2025 from Field Exams

-Blairstown, Washington Twp, Allamuchy, Independence Twp

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Gary D. Schwartz, M.D. Consultant

Date: May 2, 2026

To: Executive Committee

From: Special Relief Committee

### The Special Relief Committee Report

- Applications for special relief Approved YTD: 48
  - For a total of \$147,941.00
- Special paid out by locals \$57,123.00.
- Applications for supplemental relief Approved YTD: 27
  - For a total of \$381,539.00

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SUMMARY APPROVED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYOUT</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYOUT BY LOCALS</u>
2019	197	\$400,192.69	
2020	206	\$867,283.00	
2021	178	\$812,217.00	
2022	159	\$757,456.00	
2023	171	\$702,239.00	\$107,260.00
2024	215	\$877,576.00	\$147,830.00
2025	214	\$684,029.00	\$125,061.12

Respectfully Submitted,

*Francis X. Walker*

Francis X Walker, Chairman



# ***NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION***

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN – ESSEX COUNTY**

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Date: April 20, 2026

To: Officers and Executive Committeepersons

From: Rich Otterbein, Chairperson, NJSFA Firemen's Home Liaison Committee

Subject: NJ Firemen's Home Report

Meetings: 3/14/26, 3/27/26 Special Meeting with Senator Anthony Bucco (25<sup>th</sup> District), and 4/11/26 Full Board.

### **3/14/26 Full Board Meeting**

- Treasurer – Budget remains stable.
- CNA School Program curriculum approved by the Department of Health.
- Renovations of the Secretary/Treasurer office area complete.
- Water testing – another positive water test received; water management company working on a chlorination plan.
- **Home will host an FMBA meeting on May 13.**
- Frozen sprinkler pipe issue being reviewed.
- Actuary Study Report - A computer forensic firm was retained to perform an examination of the Superintendent's computer. Estimated cost - \$7,500 to \$11,000. Vote to conduct the examination – 12 yes; 7 No. Voting to approve the forensic computer investigation were: DeYoung (Bergen), Dunn (Cape May), Mitch (Cumberland), Berkes (Hudson), Toole (Mercer), Miller (Middlesex), Keyser (Morris), Hull (Ocean), DeVirgilio (Passaic), Washer (Sussex), Ordway (NJSFA), and Apgar (Hunterdon). Voting against conducting the forensic study were: Dutch (Atlantic), Freeman (Burlington), Joas (Camden), Cunningham (Essex), Strube (Gloucester), Sutphin (Somerset), and Signorello (Union)
- Contractors' reviewing a chiller replacement bid proposal.
- Superintendent performance review underway.
- Finance: **Bills: \$512,592.04** for the period 2/1/26 – 2/28/26. Motion to approve passed.
- **Census (as of 2/28/26): 57 Long Term; 4 in Memory Care; 5 Residential = 66.** (See the attachment). One (1) applicant with pre-admission meeting scheduled; two (2) residents discharged. **There is no waiting list.**
- Hull/Otterbein will schedule a joint meeting regarding an independent financial study.

- Manager Sutphin proposed the inclusion of \$14 Million dollar Capital line item in the next 3 Home budgets to finance the current Home expansion plan. No action taken.
- Next meeting: Full Board – Saturday, April 11, 9:00 AM, at the Home.

### **3/27/26 Meeting with Senator Bucco**

- Joint Committee met with Senator Bucco at his request.
- Senator Bucco noted the importance of conducting an independent study of the finances of both the NJSFA and NJFH. The intent of the study is to ensure the available funds are providing the greatest and most effective benefit to ALL New Jersey firefighters.
- Senator Bucco will furnish the Joint Committee with the name(s) of a firm to conduct the study. Waiting for this recommendation.
- Study must be conducted free of outside influence.
- Senator Bucco is aware that no funds, either promised from the State of New Jersey or the NJ State Firemen's Association, have been allocated to the Home expansion project.
- A joint meeting to discuss the future scope of work/study will be scheduled soon.

### **4/11/26 Full Board Meeting**

- The Home commenced broadcasting Full Board Meetings virtually.
- Chair Tim Apgar reported that the Forensic Team's evaluation of the Superintendent's computer is progressing. Results are expected shortly.
- CNA School is waiting for Department of Health approval.
- By-Law revisions/updating and Chiller bids awaiting attorney review.
- Water testing continuing.
- Frozen sprinkler pipe issue unresolved.
- Application Committee was asked to perform a study concerning the efficient use of rooms.
- Superintendent reviews being gathered; performance meeting with the Superintendent to be scheduled.
- Two employees hired; in the future, the employee committee must approve all new hires.
- Finance: Bills: **\$480,948.57** for the period 3/1/26 through 3/31/26. Motion to approve passed.
- **Census (as of 3/31/26): 54 Long Term; 6 in Memory Care; 6 Residential = 66** (See the attachment). No new applications were reviewed during the period; two (2) existing applications were approved. **There is no waiting list.**
- Three (3) chiller bids and various By-Law revisions are under attorney review.
- Manager Hull read a Joint Liaison Committee Statement regarding Senator Bucco meeting.

- Long Term Planning – a request made to have all Managers discuss the current building expansion plans with their individual county Associations to assess their positions regarding the plan.
- Chair Tim Apgar asked the Managers and those in attendance to refrain from spreading rumors and misinformation about the joint independent study and proposed building expansion project.
- Next Meeting: Full Board – Saturday, May 9, 9:00 AM, at the Home.

## APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

03/14/2026

The Applications Committee held their meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Attending were: Mgrs. Freeman, Cunningham, Keyser and Apgar. Manager Miller was excused.

Medical Staff attending were U. Bumgartener and A. Bundrick.

Superintendent Veras and Manager Washer were also in attendance.

The committee signed four applications.

Since the last meeting there was one admission through February 28, 2026

The monthly census as of 02/28/2026 :

Long Term Care:	61 (includes 4 in Lathrop Station).
Residential:	05
Total:	66

One resident answered his final alarm.

Two residents were discharged.

There is one applicant with a pre-admission meeting scheduled.

The next meeting will be at the home, on Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E. Freeman II  
Applications Chairperson

## APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

04/07/2026

The Applications Committee held their meeting, on Tuesday, April 7, 2022, at 9:00am..

Attending were: Mgrs. Freeman, Apgar, Keyser, Miller, and Cunningham.

Medical Staff: U. Baumgartner

Guest(s): Chairman Washer

Superintendent Veras was also in attendance.

The committee reviewed no new applications. They approved two applications.

Since the last meeting there were two admissions through March 31, 2026.

The monthly census as of 03/31/2026:

Census: Long Term Care: 60 (includes six in Lathrop Station)

Residential:	6
Total:	66

Two guest answered Their final alarm.

The next meeting will be at the home, on Tuesday May 5, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E. Freeman II  
Applications Chairman

## Joint NJSFA/NJFH Statement

On Friday, March 27, 2026, representatives from the Liaison Committees of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association (NJSFA) and the New Jersey Firemen's Home (NJFH) met with New Jersey State Senator Anthony Bucco at his legislative office in Denville, New Jersey. This meeting was held at the request of the Senator.

Attending from the State Association were:

Rich Otterbein

Larry Handlin

Gene Minel

The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss Senator Bucco's recommendation for a comprehensive and independent joint study to assess the financial positions of both organizations. Both committees recognized the importance of this initiative and agreed to fully cooperate in conducting a thorough financial review.

During the meeting, the committees expressed gratitude for Senator Bucco's support and acknowledged his recommendation for the independent financial study. The primary objective is to

ensure that the funds obtained by the 2% Fire Insurance Tax serve the best interests of both organizations and all New Jersey firefighters. Senator Bucco offered his assistance in identifying a qualified consultant or consulting firm capable of conducting a detailed assessment of the financial standing of each organization. The goal is for the consultant to provide informed recommendations for future decision-making based on the study's findings. The committees confirmed their commitment to implementing pertinent study findings in principle and emphasized the value of transparency and evidence-based analysis in guiding the future direction of their organizations.

The meeting also included a discussion regarding the potential for the introduction of outside influence and its effect on the impartiality of the study. All agreed that external interference must be avoided to preserve the integrity of the independent evaluation. The Senator noted that it will be important for the joint committee to direct the retained independent study firm to distance itself from all outside interference.

Senator Bucco was also aware of the general details of the proposed Home expansion project and associated cost estimates ranging from \$38 million to \$50 million. The Senator stated that he never advised or promised

that State Legislative funding would be available for the project. The Senator is aware that there is no current funding allocation and that the actual need for the expansion as proposed, as well as funding options, has not yet been determined. The committees expect that both the independent study and their own analysis will result in recommendations concerning available funding as well as the scope, size, feasibility, and actual need for the proposed expansion.

I can report that Senator Bucco has provided a recommendation on several potential firms to conduct the study and that the committee is currently developing a scope of work for the project. The committee plans to begin interviewing and selecting a firm soon.

Finally, the joint committee is committed to completing the assigned work task fairly and impartially. All parties outside the joint committee are asked to be patient as we proceed forward with the study.

Respectively submitted,

Rich Otterbein

Chair – Essex County Committeeperson

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Date: May 2, 2026  
To: Executive Committee  
Health Care Committee Report:

## **HEALTH CARE**

NEW CLAIMS YTD - 29

SPOUSE YTD (new applicants frozen 6/1/24)

PAID YTD \$5,622,899.83

ACTIVE CLAIMS TOTAL – 264

## **HEALTH CARE**

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>APPROVED</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL PAYOUT</u></b>
2019	53	\$ 329,791.83
2020	94	\$ 1,573,001.17
2021	165	\$ 4,052,639.95
2022	271	\$ 8,296,092.42
2023	276	\$13,770,372.93
2024	393	\$17,074,066.77
2025	302	\$16,479,611.45

Sincerely,

***James Reeves***

James Reeves  
Health Care Committee

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## **Legislative Committee Report** **May 2, 2026**

The legislative sessions for the 2026/2027 have begun. The Officers continue to speak with Senators and Assembly persons in reference to the bills we are most interested in, particularly, the Cancer Screening Bill and the Post Traumatic treatment. Our advocate Matt McDermott is doing a great job in setting up the zoom meetings with the Senators and Assembly persons and making very important contacts and allowing the Officers of the Association speak directly to those individuals. We have had no negative comments from anyone we have spoken to.

The Senate and Assembly continue to be in budget talks so the activity in moving bills has slowed.

Current Bills that we are tracking are 159 Fire and Emergency Services, 59 Firemen's Home and 50 Pensions for a total of 268. There are 3 Bills on the Governor's desk to be signed none of which are fire related.

We continue to talk with as many legislators as possible and if anyone can speak with any legislators in their county, please feel free to do so. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

If you should have any questions in relationship to any activity in the Senate or Assembly, please feel free to contact me.

Respectively  
submitted,

*Richard Dreby*

Richard K. Dreby  
Chairman Legislative Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Secretary

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## **Long Range Planning/Special Review Committee Meeting April 23, 2026**

This meeting was called to order by Chairman John Lane at 9:00 am. There were 13 Members/Officers present, Chairman John Lane, Executive Committeeman Richard Otterbein, Executive Committeeman Allen Kurdyla, Executive Committeeman Glenn Roemmich, Executive Committeeman Larry Handlin, Executive Committeeman Daniel Spiegel, President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, Treasurer Mullen, Secretary Martone, First Assistant Secretary Dreby, Second Assistant Secretary Fazekas, and Field Examiner Hollingsworth.

Chairman Lane started the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for providing the reports to the committee. He asked Treasurer Mullen to start by explaining his report.

Treasurer Mullen reported that the numbers that are provided in the profit/loss analysis are current up until this point. He explained the difference between the revenue and expenses numbers. A short discussion followed concerning the numbers.

Field Examiner Hollingsworth explained her reports that she provided and stated that there are currently 260 active people in the Health Care Program. She explained the different levels of the Health Care Program. She presented some projected numbers for a possible increase to the levels and explained the reasoning for the increase stating that the last adjustment to these numbers was in 2022. A discussion followed concerning the numbers and the conclusion was for a proposal for a \$500.00 increase to both in home care and long-term care. Field Examiner Hollingsworth stated that she would provide the new numbers based on these proposed increases.

Executive Committeeman Otterbein asked about the draft budget that was provided and both President Ordway and Treasurer Mullen explained the budget. A short discussion followed concerning the budget and President Ordway and Treasurer Mullen answered everyone's questions.

Field Examiner Hollingsworth explained the next report which was the Subsidy breakdown of expenses that the Subsidy Associations paid out for the previous year. A discussion followed concerning the money and criteria for the Subsidy Associations. The suggestion was that the Compendium Committee review adding a new section in the compendium explaining the rules and possibly changing the rules that the Subsidy Associations need to follow, including the possibility of changing the maximum amount of Administrative Expenses as well as possibly limiting the amount that can be paid out for convention expenses. President Ordway stated that he would explain his proposal for this coming year for the Subsidy Associations as that is part of his report.

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Executive Committeeman Otterbein asked if we could discuss the Burial Benefit first as he would like to suggest the possibility of an increase to that program for his year. A discussion followed concerning this and the potential increase. The conclusion was for a proposal of a \$400.00 increase to the Burial Benefit with all levels being adjusted as they were adjusted last year.

President Ordway explained his report/proposal and reminded everyone that the field grew by 12 million dollars and the field in total assets are now at 250 million. He stated there are two options for a potential adjustment to the amount of money that is held back from the Associations concerning the special assessments as well as options for the Subsidy Associations. A discussion followed and there were some suggestions for adjustments to these numbers. President Ordway stated that he would update the proposal for the Executive Committee Meeting and share them with the committee members first.

Executive Committeeman Handlin provided the numbers from our investment accounts along with Treasurer Mullen and a short discussion followed concerning how well those investments were doing.

President Ordway mentioned the possibility of future discussion for a cancer screening program. He gave an update on the pending legislation concerning this and the steps the officers have taken by meeting with the Senator and Assembly members to advocate for this. A short discussion followed.

There was no date set for the next meeting as of today. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am by Chairman Lane as he thanked everyone for all their help with all of this.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Brian E. Martone***

Brian E. Martone  
Secretary  
New Jersey State Firemen's Association

As Chairman of the Board of Managers of the NJ Firemen' s Home, I would like to address the Association Officers and Executive Committee.

There has been an abundance of rumors about the Managers of the Home wanting to expand the facility with a 5-story addition for \$30-40 million dollars.

At this time, they are just that... rumors. NOTHING has been voted on by the Board of Managers. There has only been a committee formed to gather information on how best to serve the firefighters of NJ.

The discussions taking place include the possibility of providing single occupancy rooms with private bathrooms or possibly renovating the current space, lowering the available occupancy to meet the single room goal.

Please know this, there has been no decision concerning an addition or expansion of our facility that currently accommodates 96 beds.

This rumor grew, as a member of the long-term planning committee, who is a proponent of a large addition, stated he would like to add \$14 million dollars to our budget for three years (a total of \$42 million dollars), well before any plan was developed or brought to the table.

Additionally, we currently have a joint committee that is working on an efficiency study and that process is in its infancy.

So, to re-affirm, there has been NO vote taken to approve any funds or capital projects. I have asked each manager to go back to their respective counties to get feedback from their members to bring back to our body. I encourage each of you to meet with your associations and provide feedback to me as well.

Thank you for allowing me the time to speak.

**Local Association Insurance Check Analysis -4/23/2026 - DRAFT - for presentation 5/2/2026**

	<u>Gross Received</u>	<u>60% Held Back</u>	<u>40% Distributed</u>	<u>Sp Rel Held</u>	50m/10m <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	Total Net Check <u>Amount to Field</u>
5/15/2022	37,418,070.97	22,450,842.61	14,967,228.36	0.00	168,196.28	-16,317.50	15,119,107.14
						Field Growth	3,428,760.18

	<u>Gross Received</u>	<u>60% Held Back</u>	<u>40% Distributed</u>	<u>Sp Rel Held</u>	50m/17.5m <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	Total Net Check <u>Amount to Field</u>
5/15/2023	43,408,390.56	26,045,034.22	17,363,356.34	0.00	379,324.81	-16,317.50	17,726,363.65
						Field Growth	9,841,708.48

	<u>Gross Received</u>	<u>68% Held Back</u>	<u>32% Distributed</u>	<u>Sp Rel Held</u>	.5% of '23 Bal <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	Total Net Check <u>Amount to Field</u>
5/15/2024	52,907,818.20	35,977,316.34	16,930,501.86	-1,150,117.89	649,113.30	-16,317.50	16,413,179.77
						Field Growth	10,422,877.47

	<u>Gross Received</u>	<u>68% Held Back</u>	<u>32% Distributed</u>	<u>Sp Rel Held</u>	V% of '24 Bal <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	Total Net Check <u>Amount to Field</u>
5/15/2025	60,858,653.87	41,383,884.61	19,474,769.30	-2,548,006.60	657,649.90	-16,317.50	17,568,095.07
						Field Growth	12,198,842.35

Percentage on prior year end balance withheld varies

- \$0 to \$500,000 – 0% (390 Associations)
- \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 – 1% (128 Associations)
- \$2,000,000 to \$3,500,000 – 2% (14 Associations)
- \$3,500,000 to \$9,999,999 – 4% (3 Associations)

Subsidy Assistance change – P/Y Balance \$57,500, Min. Chk \$20,000

- 48 Associations received Subsidy
- 2 Association Checks below \$1,000.00

<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<u>Gross Received</u>	<u>68% Held Back</u>	<u>32% Distributed</u>	<u>Sp Rel Held</u>	V% of '25 Bal <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	Total Net Check <u>Amount to Field</u>
	63,790,416.12	43,377,483.00	20,412,933.12	-5,225,693.98	181,076.85	-16,317.50	15,352,861.07

Special Relief Percentage on prior year end balance withheld varies

- \$0 to \$100,000 – 0% (137 Associations)
- \$100,000 to \$250,000 - .5% (124 Associations)
- \$250,000 to \$500,000 - 1.% (121 Associations)
- \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 – 2.% (135 Associations)
- \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 – 2.5% (15 Associations)
- \$4,000,000 to \$9,999,999 – 7% (3 Associations)

Subsidy Assistance changed – P/Y Balance \$63,000, Min. Chk \$10,000

- 35 Associations received Subsidy
- 2 Association Checks below \$1,000.00



**2025 Relief/Convention/Administrative Expense Analysis**

**3/11/2026**

Year	Relief	Spec. Relief	Total Relief	Delegates	Life Members	Total Conv.	Admin Exp	Total D/L/M/A/E
2007	4,323,857.11	103,750.00	4,427,607.11	1,322,911.40	1,006,781.27	2,329,692.67	1,991,002.21	4,320,694.88
2008	4,873,437.16	119,250.00	4,992,687.16	1,380,533.88	1,086,478.72	2,447,012.60	1,992,784.21	4,439,796.81
2009	4,935,052.48	128,000.00	5,063,052.48	1,331,725.55	1,136,190.05	2,467,915.60	2,046,409.50	4,514,325.10
2010	4,991,624.04	122,250.00	5,113,874.04	1,338,679.80	1,142,634.67	2,481,314.47	2,043,751.68	4,525,066.15
2011	5,325,118.30	177,774.00	5,502,892.30	1,379,191.90	1,203,133.46	2,582,325.36	2,049,648.82	4,631,973.58
2012	5,752,783.12	182,482.19	5,935,265.31	1,405,081.47	1,232,829.88	2,637,402.35	2,135,823.95	4,773,226.30
2013	4,784,821.54	142,500.00	4,927,321.54	1,399,846.14	1,232,829.88	2,632,675.75	2,251,932.69	4,884,608.44
2014	4,763,378.36	147,507.34	4,910,885.70	1,437,793.65	1,299,309.75	2,737,103.40	2,325,397.73	5,062,501.13
2015	4,510,787.90	143,550.00	4,654,337.90	1,447,483.61	1,269,906.75	2,717,390.36	2,430,404.99	5,147,795.35
2016	4,985,456.06	131,000.00	5,116,456.06	1,459,845.74	1,280,876.43	2,740,722.17	2,457,561.29	5,198,283.46
2017	5,138,956.92	396,632.00	5,535,588.92	1,705,477.49	1,516,955.83	3,222,433.32	2,588,181.82	5,810,615.14
2018	4,283,313.18	357,819.13	4,641,132.31	1,698,639.15	1,490,572.64	3,189,211.79	2,608,621.03	5,797,832.82
2019	4,736,931.39	427,621.69	5,164,553.08	1,707,407.09	1,524,604.15	3,232,011.24	2,691,906.46	5,923,917.70
2020	4,736,568.64	871,238.00	5,607,806.64	231,900.00	170,989.99	402,889.99	2,760,810.60	3,163,700.59
2021	4,635,913.57	794,460.00	5,430,373.57	1,648,665.11	1,490,732.92	3,139,398.03	2,823,223.22	5,962,621.25
2022	5,127,076.83	975,801.00	6,102,877.83	1,921,129.39	1,671,303.85	3,592,433.24	2,946,328.66	6,538,761.90
2023	5,157,047.41	851,972.00	6,009,019.41	1,963,905.48	1,697,229.57	3,661,135.05	3,214,202.29	6,875,337.34
2024	5,243,894.68	882,576.00	6,126,470.68	1,941,483.70	1,699,660.00	3,641,143.70	3,506,225.48	7,147,369.18
2025	4,635,429.58	684,029.00	5,319,458.58	2,091,480.87	1,813,603.50	3,905,084.37	3,807,295.74	7,712,380.11
<b>chgf fr 2007</b>	<b>7.21%</b>	<b>559.31%</b>	<b>20.14%</b>	<b>58.10%</b>	<b>80.14%</b>	<b>67.62%</b>	<b>91.23%</b>	<b>78.50%</b>
<b>chgf fr ply</b>	<b>-11.60%</b>	<b>-22.50%</b>	<b>-13.17%</b>	<b>7.73%</b>	<b>6.70%</b>	<b>7.25%</b>	<b>8.59%</b>	<b>7.91%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,941,448.27</b>	<b>7,640,212.35</b>	<b>100,581,660.62</b>	<b>28,813,181.42</b>	<b>24,946,114.04</b>	<b>53,759,295.46</b>	<b>48,671,511.77</b>	<b>102,430,807.23</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>4,891,655.17</b>	<b>402,116.44</b>	<b>5,293,771.61</b>	<b>1,516,483.23</b>	<b>1,312,953.37</b>	<b>2,829,436.60</b>	<b>2,561,658.51</b>	<b>5,391,095.12</b>

Year	Burial Benefit	Health Care	Total Bur/Rel/H/C	# W/Net Loss	# On Subsidy	# Over \$1 Mil
2007	6,830,495.00	-	11,258,102.11	33	75	15
2008	7,309,891.80	-	12,302,578.96	51	65	20
2009	7,728,687.62	-	12,791,740.10	99	68	25
2010	7,632,759.88	-	12,746,633.92	104	59	25
2011	8,923,279.78	-	14,426,172.08	111	54	27
2012	7,643,024.58	-	13,578,289.89	110	46	27
2013	8,127,173.84	-	13,054,495.38	101	45	28
2014	8,827,942.75	-	13,738,828.45	86	44	28
2015	9,204,248.00	-	13,858,585.90	85	37	30
2016	8,888,436.85	-	14,004,892.91	71	34	35
2017	10,448,528.77	99,600.06	16,083,717.75	129	28	36
2018	10,012,754.55	141,376.99	14,795,263.85	105	28	37
2019	10,798,872.51	329,791.83	16,293,217.42	108	31	41
2020	12,068,462.11	1,573,001.17	19,249,269.92	25	39	46
2021	11,781,343.10	4,052,639.95	21,264,356.62	132	21	47
2022	12,239,524.02	8,296,092.42	26,638,494.27	217	26	48
2023	10,422,973.61	13,770,372.93	30,202,365.95	117	33	54
2024	9,844,456.48	17,074,066.77	33,044,993.93	124	42	59
2025	10,508,570.38	16,479,611.45	32,307,640.41	65	48	64
<b>chgf fr 2007</b>	<b>53.85%</b>	<b>16445.78%</b>	<b>186.97%</b>	<b>98.07%</b>	<b>-36.00%</b>	<b>326.67%</b>
<b>chgf fr ply</b>	<b>6.75%</b>	<b>-3.48%</b>	<b>-2.23%</b>	<b>5.07%</b>	<b>-47.58%</b>	<b>8.47%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>179,241,425.63</b>	<b>61,816,553.57</b>	<b>341,639,639.82</b>	<b>12,198,842.35</b>	<b>14,299,842.35</b>	<b>14,299,842.35</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>9,433,759.24</b>	<b>6,868,505.95</b>	<b>17,981,033.67</b>	<b>12,198,842.35</b>	<b>14,299,842.35</b>	<b>14,299,842.35</b>