

New Castle County Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 2:00pm

Address: Government Center, Large Executive Conference Room
87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of 12/30/2025 Meeting
4. Quorum Requirements
 - a. Review of Current Quorum Language in the Executive Order and Bylaws
 - b. Discussion of Majority Representation
 - c. Potential Next Steps – Bylaws and Executive Order Amendments (County Attorney Aaron Goldstein)
5. Committee Reporting Timeline
 - a. Review of Current Executive Order Deadline
 - b. Discussion Regarding Request for Extension
 - c. Direction on Requesting Change of the Executive Order Timeline (County Attorney Aaron Goldstein)
6. Budget and Funding Stabilization
 - a. Short-Term Funding Stabilization
 - Overview of proposed temporary funding approach (Co-Chairman Dennis Godek)
 - Review of percentage-based salary and benefits model (Co-Chairman Dennis Godek)
 - Discussion of FY27 considerations
 - b. Financial Data Collection
 - Status Update on Collection of Fire Company Salary & Benefits Data (Co-Chairman Dennis Godek)
 - Next Steps for Verification and Analysis
 - c. Long-Term Funding Considerations
 - Sustainable Funding Models and Movement of County Funds to Budget Line Items (Chief Financial Officer Dave Del Grande)
 - Impact Fees (Joe Day)
 - Brown Fields (Joe Day)
 - Fire Permit Fees and Structure (Joe Day)
 - Capital Financing Considerations (Chief Financial Officer Dave Del Grande)
 - Grant Opportunities and Grant Writer

7. Review and Prioritization of Studies and Report
 - a. Overview of FACETS Report Findings
 - b. Discussion of Prioritization Framework
 - c. Identification of Recommendations Requiring Additional Research
8. System Structure and Service Delivery
 - a. Overview of System Structure Considerations
 - b. Discussion on Possible Operational Study and Consultant
9. Fees, Taxes, and Legislative Authority
 - a. Review of Statutory Authority for Fire Service Fees (County Attorney Aaron Goldstein and Chief Financial Officer Dave Del Grande)
 - b. Identification of Unresolved Policy and Implementation Issues (Chief Financial Officer Dave Del Grande)
 - c. Direction for Further Step Analysis
10. Discuss Topics for Next Meeting
11. Public Comment
12. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 2pm
13. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: January 8, 2026

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