

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE EQUIPMENT LEASING AUTHORITY
HELD ON JUNE 25TH, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of June 25th, 2026, was called to order at 2:06 p.m. The agenda and public notice were posted on the ELA website and displayed in the City County Building in Room 502 on June 24th, 2026.

ROLL CALL

Present – Sharon Werner, Barbara Warwick, Chris Hornstein, Anthony Coghill, Sheldon Williams

In Attendance - Firmin Maurice, Jamie Jones, Rea Price, Eric Shultz, Dave Hutchinson, Amanda Burkhart, Branwyn Turnage, Chief Kokilla, Zongjie Hu, Ralph Sicuro, Andrew Dewitt, Jackson Neofes.

BOARD DESIGNATIONS

City Council Resolution No. 258 of 2026 authorized the appointment of Anthony Coghill as a member of the ELA Board for a term to expire on June 15, 2031.

City Council Resolution No. 259 of 2026 authorized the appointment of Barbara Warwick as a member of the ELA Board for a term to expire on June 15, 2031.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made and approved to accept the Special ELA Board Meeting held on June 25th, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2027 Capital Proposal

Discussion:

Councilman Coghill inquired about the overall use and purpose of the Motor Pool vehicles. Ms. Jones explained that they serve as loaner cars for all departments, but the vehicles are very old and outdated. She noted that they are not used frequently.

Rea Price requested a breakdown of the recently donated \$20 million in funding from Highmark. Chief Werner stated that Highmark's donation, totaling \$20 million, will be distributed over the next five years and dedicated to Fire and First Responder vehicles and equipment. Additionally,

UPMC has donated \$5 million over five years to support EMS purchases. The year 2027 will be the only year in which EMS receives a \$10 million allocation. Ms. Jones added that completely replacing departmental fleets at once could create larger issues in future years.

Director Williams addressed the board regarding the lack of prioritization from Directors across his bureaus. He explained that he had previously outlined priorities for each individual bureau, but due to recent changes in management, he is uncertain about who should be receiving these updates. He stated that he will review the requests and resubmit them before the Capital deadline.

Councilwoman Warwick asked whether the full amount of funding designated for EMS was necessary. Chief Werner responded that ELA will reassess bureau needs annually based on the additional funding received each year. He noted that the funding source provided specific guidance on how the funds must be used.

Councilman Coghill questioned the current condition of the City's street sweepers, asking how many are available and how many are needed to fully cover the City. Mr. Hornstein stated that the full street sweeper fleet totals ten units, with a portion currently under lease. Of the five sweepers owned by the City, all are in critical condition or currently out of service.

Councilman Coghill turned his attention to the Fire Department and asked about the current state of the fleet vehicles. Chief Kokilla responded that the department currently has no operational ladder trucks. Two ladder trucks are in the build stage, and the chassis are scheduled for viewing in July. However, these vehicles are not expected to be delivered until mid-2028.

Chief Werner requested an update on the RFP process for Fire vehicles and related financing options. Ms. Olzinger explained that the financing RFP has not yet been finalized and that further discussions within OMB are needed before moving forward. At this time, the Fire financing RFP remains incomplete. Chief Kokilla added that July 7th is now the closing date for the Engine and Ladder Truck RFPs. He emphasized that, although the newly donated funds are greatly appreciated, it is not feasible to replace the entire Fire fleet due to its size and the specialized nature of many vehicles. Director Williams noted that the Fire Department's fleet needs long-term prioritization and should receive consistent annual support to gradually reduce its needs over time.

Councilwoman Warwick also requested that, while efforts are being made to support major departments with newly donated funds, smaller departments, such as Animal Control and Forestry, be kept in consideration for vehicle funding as well.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made. Official adjournment at 3:08 PM.