



Holmen Area Fire Department

FIRE COMMISSION

AGENDA

710 South Main Street
Holmen, WI 54636
www.holmenfire.com

Date/Time: Monday March 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
Location: Town of Holland Town Hall, Holmen, WI, 54636

The Holmen Area Fire Commission will hold a regular meeting on March 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Holland Town Hall.

All items on the agenda indicate items for discussion and possible action.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.) Roll Call
- 4.) Approval of the Agenda
- 5.) Approval of February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- 6.) Resident or Employee Concerns/Comments

The Commission may receive information from the public and department employees, but reserves the right to limit the time that the public/employee may comment, as well as the right to limit the degree to which members of the public and employees may participate in the meeting.

- 7.) Fire Administration Report (Chief Ostreng)
 - a. General Fire Department Stats
 - b. Staffing/Personnel Updates
 - i. Swearing in and badge pinning of Captain Nicholas Meinertz
- 8.) Commission Chair Report
- 9.) Unfinished Business
- 10.) Consideration of Next Meeting Date
- 11.) Adjourn

Note: Meeting agenda and meeting packets are available at www.holmenfire.com. Printed meeting agenda and packets will be available by request only. Call the Holmen Area Fire Department at 608-526-9363 prior to noon the day of the Fire Commission meeting to request your printed copies.



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Date Notice Emailed: 02/27/2026

Notices Posted: 02/27/2026

Notices Emailed To:

Holmen Area Fire Commission	Board/Town/Village	Media	Posted
Patrick Brockman - Holland	HAFD Members/IAFF L127	Holmen Courier	Holmen Area FD
James Bushman - Holmen	Marilyn Pedretti	La Crosse Tribune	Town of Holland
Neal Forde - Holmen	Scott Heinig	La Crosse Radio Group	Village of Holmen
John Miller - Holland	Angela Hornberg	WXOW	Holmen USPS
Barry Ploessl - Holmen	Lindsay Brown	WKBT	Holmen Library
	Joe Kovacevich	WIZM	www.holmenfire.com
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	HAFD Admin		
	HAFD Fire Board		

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Holmen Area Fire Commission Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2026

Meeting Location: Town of Holland Town Hall - Holmen, WI 54636

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was promptly called to order by Chairman Ploessl at 6:29pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Neal Forde, Village of Holmen; John Miller, Town of Holland; Barry Ploessl, Village of Holmen, James Bushman, Village of Holmen, Patrick Brockman, Town of Holland.

Also Present: Ryan Ostreng, Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to approve the meeting agenda as posted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockman with second by Commissioner Bushman to approve the minutes. This motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENT OR EMPLOYEE CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

None were presented.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

- A- Chief Ostreng reported the response level for January 2026 was 130 calls, compared to 101 last January. Some credit for that increase would be due to influenza hitting the community.
- B- Chief Ostreng confirmed that there is a staff member serving a suspension (2 -work days w/o pay). This suspension runs from 0800 Sunday Feb. 8, 2026 until 0800 Tuesday Feb. 10, 2026.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Nothing reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, with 2nd by Commissioner Forde to convene in Closed Session. Unanimous approval, obtained by individual voice vote.

- A- Consideration of Fire Captain-Training Officer candidate and promotion.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Commissioner Forde, with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to reconvene in Open Session. Unanimous approval, obtained by individual voice vote.

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RESERVATION OF RIGHT FOR ACTION and/or RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S):

1-Motion by Commissioner Miller with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to certify the Fire Captain promotional eligibility list as presented on Feb.5, 2026 to the commission by Chief Ostreng. Approved Unanimously.

2- Motion by Commissioner Miller with 2nd by Commissioner Brockman to: Appoint the identified primary candidate to the position of Fire Captain-Training Officer from the certified Fire Captain promotional eligibility list, contingent on completion of all required administrative requirements. This appointment would be effective Feb. 8, 2026. Motion received unanimous approval.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next meeting of the HAFC is scheduled for March 2, 2026.
Another potential meeting date is May 26.
All meeting dates will be confirmed by Chief Ostreng as needed.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bushman, with a second from Commissioner Forde to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and published by John Miller, Commission Secretary.
February 6, 2026

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OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

State of Wisconsin

County of La Crosse

I, Nicholas Meinertz, who has been appointed to the office of

Captain

affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and will faithfully discharge the duties of the said office to the best of

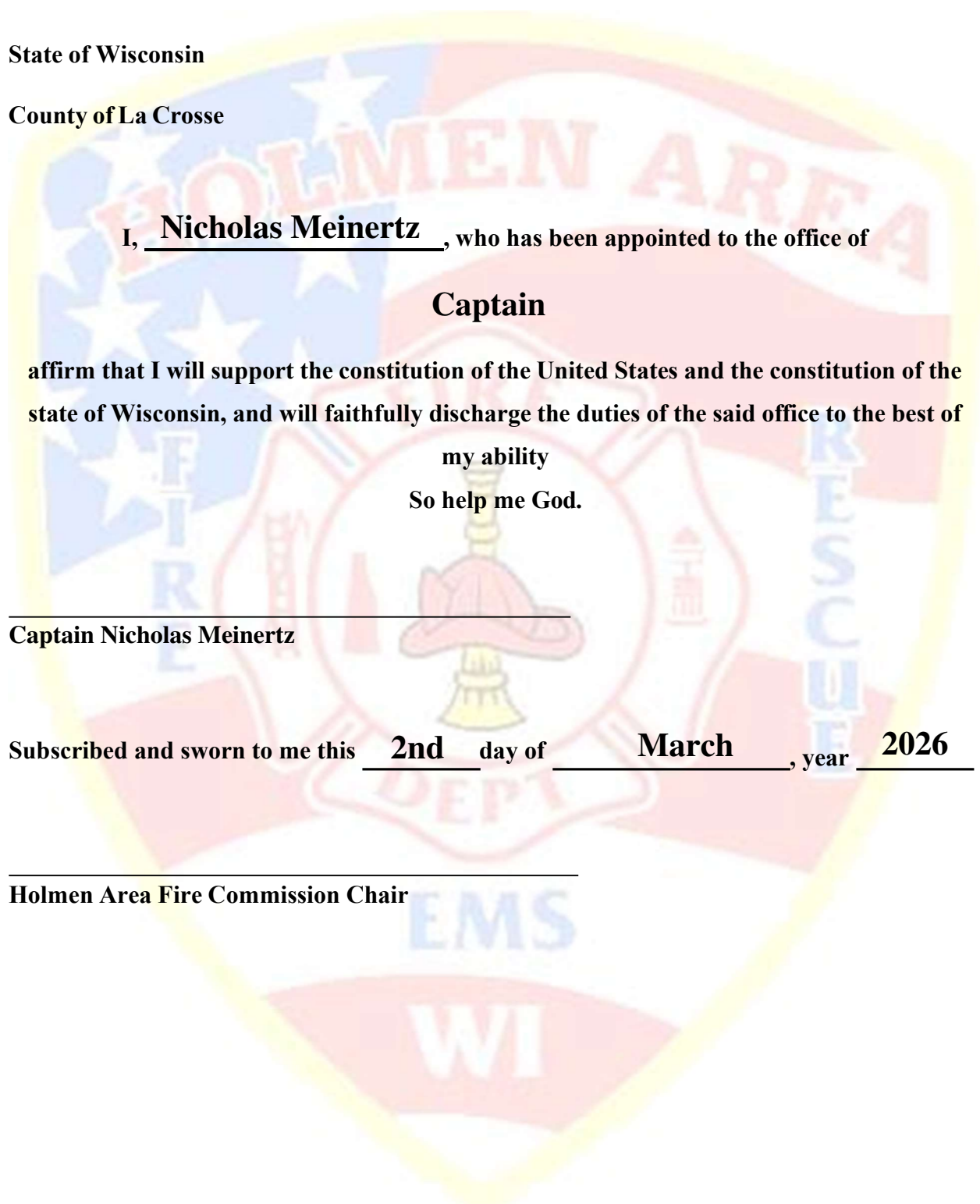
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So help me God.

Captain Nicholas Meinertz

Subscribed and sworn to me this 2nd day of March, year 2026

Holmen Area Fire Commission Chair



Certificate of Promotion

Nicholas Meinertz

In recognition of your outstanding performance and with sincere appreciation

for your dedication to the Holmen Area Fire Department.

Congratulations on your promotion to the rank of Captain



Presented on March 2, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan R. Ostreng".

Fire Chief Ryan R. Ostreng