Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mark Campeau of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1801 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Len Albert, and Jason Foust, Chief Leonard Johnson, Division Chief - Logistics Josh Ambrose, Business Operations Director Monica Davis, Captain Chris Welch, Attorney Dave Luxenberg and Michael Mitchell (public) attended the regular meeting held in person and via the virtual Zoom platform using the link posted on the Fire District's website. Not in attendance - Commissioner Dale Putnam (excused) and Board Secretary Tom McBride (excused).

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The Board for Volunteer Firefighters met prior to the Board of Commissioners meeting.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chief Johnson asked for an Executive Session for Policy and Legal after the Action Items to seek advice from our Attorney, Dave Luxenberg.

PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITING SPEAKERS

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ***Approval of Minutes***

   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2026; the motion carried.

2. *Approval of Vouchers and Payroll*

A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below in items a-c; the motion carried.

a. **General Fund 6690 - Claims & Payroll Total $851,678.81**
   i) 9-23-26 Sept Claims 2 #260907001-260907019 *67,074.49*
   ii) 9-23-26 Month-end payroll EFT *404,891.11*
   iii) 9-23-26 Payroll Claims #260904001-260904015 *177,915.74*
   iv) 10-2-26 Special #261001001 *8,119.20*
   v) 10-7-26 October Claims #261005001-261005049 *193,678.27*

b) **EMS Fund 6694** - Claims **$16,945.86**
   i) 9-23-26 Sept 2 Claims #260906001 *994.00*
   ii) 10-2-26 Special #261002001 *8,410.00*
   iii) 10-7-26 October Claims #261004001-2610004005 *7,541.86*

c) **SORT Fund 6699 – $31,036.45**

d) 9-23-26 Sept 2 Claims #260905001-260905004 *4,171.36*

e) 10-7-26 October Claims #261003001-261003007 26,865.09

3. ***Approval of TCFPD 9 Res No. 2026-08 – Surplus Equipment***

A motion was made and seconded to approve the TCFPD Resolution 2606-08; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FY2027 Draft Budget & Budget Workshop 10/28**

Chief Johnson provided official notice for the Budget Workshop on 10/28 at Station 95. Chief outlined the draft budget issues facing the department with the drop in AV for 2027 and with the $1.50 tax cap, we will be looking at a reduction in revenue for 2027 and beyond. Chief explained that we will present more details about the budget at the workshop on 10/28.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. ***Finance/Administration:*** Verbal and written reports were presented by Business Operations Director Monica Davis; discussion was held.
2. ***Logistics:*** Verbal and written reports were presented by Division Chief - Logistics Josh Ambrose; discussion was held.
3. ***Operations:*** Verbal and written reports were presented by Chief Leonard Johnson; discussion was held.
4. ***Chief's Report:*** Verbal and written reports were presented by Chief Leonard Johnson; discussion was held.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Mark Campeau reported that West Thurston was planning their next meeting on November 23, 2026..

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Mark Thompson reported that he will be out of the country October 12-27, 2026. He hopes to make the budget workshop on 10/28.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened into Executive Session at 18:06, for an estimated 15 minutes to seek advice from our Attorney, Dave Luxenberg regarding Policy #2447 – Alcohol and Drug Testing. The Board extended the time for another 10 minutes until they reconvened at 18:30 to continue the meeting. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Board meeting; the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 19:09.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:

Dale Putnam, Chair

Jason Foust, Commissioner

Len Albert, Commissioner

Mark Thompson, Commissioner

Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Tom McBride, Board Secretary

11/12/26

Date