



Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1801 hours.

Commissioners Dale Putnam, Len Albert, Mark Campeau, Jason Foust and Mark Thompson, Chief Leonard Johnson, Captain Chris Welch (virtual), Captain Jeff Novak, and Board Secretary Tom McBride attended the regular meeting held in person and via the virtual Zoom platform using the link posted on the Fire District's website. Division Chief - Logistics Josh Ambrose and Business Operations Director Monica Davis were excused.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None. The agenda was approved as presented.

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 February 17, 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-d; the motion carried.

- a. **General Fund 6690 - Claims & Payroll Total: \$670,430.37**
 - i. 3-11-2026 March Payroll Draw EFT: \$49,358.62
 - ii. 3-11-2026 March Claims #260304001 – 260304034: \$70,066.58
 - iii. 2-24-2026 February Claims #260206001 – 260206042: \$294,743.90
 - iv. 2-24-26 February Payroll Month End EFT – \$256,261.27
- b. **EMS Fund 6694: \$21,784.25**
 - i. February Claims #260303001: \$21,784.25
- c. **M&O Fund 6698: \$33,379.53**
 - i. 3-11-2026 March Claim #260302001: \$27,195.60
 - ii. 2-24-2026 February Claim #260205001: \$6,183.93
- d. **Sort Fund 6699 – \$24,611.87**
 - i. 3-11-2026 March Claims #260301001 – 260301007: \$23,600.61
 - ii. 2-24-2026 February Claims #260204001 – 260204005: \$1,011.26

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. **Finance/Administration:** Verbal and written reports were presented by Chief Leonard Johnson; discussion was held.
2. **Logistics:** Verbal and written reports were presented by Chief Leonard Johnson; 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 there is no update from West Thurston.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Jason Foust reported that Department of Natural Resources law enforcement officer Larry Raedel passed away.

Commissioner Len Albert raised the issue of artificial intelligence and how the Fire District may be able to use it to assist in recruiting.

Chief Leonard Johnson recognized a recent example of Fire District medic service excellence.

Commissioner Mark Thompson reminded fellow commissioners about annual Public Disclosure Commissioner reporting requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened into Executive Session at 1835, for an estimated 10 minutes and extended it 5 additional minutes, to discuss personnel matters. The Board will reconvene at 1850 and immediately adjourn. 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 1850.

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



Date