



Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1802 hours.

Commissioners Dale Putnam, Len Albert, Mark Campeau, Jason Foust (virtual) and Mark Thompson (virtual), Chief Leonard Johnson, Captain Chris Welch (virtual), Division Chief - Logistics Josh Ambrose, Business Operations Director Monica Davis, Captain Brandon Haun and FF Anthony de'Aguiar, 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.

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 April 9, 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.

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| a. General Fund 6690 - Claims & Payroll Total: | \$630,685.57 |
| i. 4-28-2026 Month-End Payroll EFT: | \$295,588.91 |
| ii. 4-28-2026 Month-End Payroll Claims #260406001 – 260406018: | \$163,035.97 |
| iii. 5-12-2026 Payroll Draw EFT: | \$44,729.67 |
| iv. 5-12-26 May Claims #260504001 – 260504049: | \$127,331.02 |
| b. EMS Fund 6694: | \$50,577.23 |
| i. 5-12-26 May Claims #260303001: | \$50,557.23 |
| c. M&O Fund 6698: | \$44,096.14 |
| i. 4-28-2026 April Claim #260405001: | \$20,728.89 |
| ii. 5-14-2026 May Claim #260502001: | \$23,367.25 |
| d. SORT Fund 6699: | \$40,893.35 |
| i. 5-12-2026 May Claims #260501001 – 260501014: | \$40,893.35 |

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter of Support for WA State Fire Chiefs Board Position

Chief Leonard Johnson has been nominated to fill WA State Fire Chiefs Board Position No. 2. The Board discussed the matter. A motion was made and seconded to approve a letter in support of Chief Leonard Johnson’s nomination to fill WA State Fire Chiefs Board Position 2; the motion carried.

2. Policy-Community Events and Fundraiser Participation (first review)

Chief Leonard Jonnson and Business Operations Director Monica Davis reported to the Board that the Fire District is working on a new policy regarding community events and fundraiser participation. The purpose of the new policy is to provide guidance to the Fire District administration and members as to participation and use of Fire District resources for the purposes of community events and fundraiser participation; discussion was held.

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 Dale Putnam notified the Board that he will be unavailable to attend the June 11, 2026 meeting.

Commissioner Mark Thompson recognized and appreciated the excellent Fire District Annual Awards/Recognition Banquet held on April 9, 2026.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened into Executive Session at 1905, for an estimated 5 minutes to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and bargaining. The Board will reconvene at 1910 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 1910.

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