Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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, Mark Thompson, Len Albert, Mark Campeau and Jason Foust, Chief Leonard Johnson, Division Chief - Logistics Josh Ambrose, Business Operations Director Monica Davis, Captain Chris Welch (virtual), Firefighter Brian Amren, Lt. Charles Parsons, Lt. Alex Adams, Firefighter Nathan Johnson, Firefighter Josh Hernandez, Firefighter Saul Gonzalez, Lt. Michael Grosvenor, 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

On behalf of Fire District 9 and its Board, Chief Leonard Johnson presented to Firefighter Brian Amren a commendation for his actions the morning of March 25, 2026. Firefighter Amren and his crew were enroute to a Special Operations Rescue Training (SORT) – Trench Rescue drill when they came upon an unreported motor vehicle accident on the southbound Interstate 5 off-ramp at 93rd Street. Chief Leonard Johnson explained that Firefighter Amren's dedication to providing excellent patient care demonstrates his commitment to carrying on the McLane Black Lake Fire Department's reputation of "Protecting the lives and property of the people we serve."

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 August 13, 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**	**$1,014,709.67**
i.	8-27-2026 Aug Payroll Claims #260808001-260808015	$181,811.11
ii.	8-27-2026 2 August Claims #260807001-260807026	$48,890.63
iii.	8-27-2026 Month-End Payroll EFT	$420,933.80
iv.	9-9-2026 Payroll Draw EFT	$47,743.87
v.	9-9-2026 September Claims #260903001 – 260903034	$315,330.26
b.	**EMS Fund 6694 - Claims**	**$215,057.02**
i.	8-27-2026 Aug 2 Claims #260806001-260806003	$163,449.46
ii.	9-9-2026 September Claims #260902001-260902004	$51,607.56
c.	**SORT Fund 6699 - Claims**	**$81,619.22**
i.	8-27-2026 Aug 2 Claims #260805001 - 260805004	$58,911.96
ii.	9-9-2026 September Claims #260901001 - 260901006	$22,707.26

3. ***TCFPD 9 Res No. 2026-07 – 2026 Fund Transfer***
   A motion was made and seconded to approve a $1,500,000.00 fund transfer from Maintenance & Operation Fund 6698 to General Fund 6690 for the purpose of meeting obligations of the general operations of the Fire District, to include (but not limited to) general operating expenses, supplies, materials, wage and benefits; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
Work continues on the Fire District's proposed updated Drug Free Workplace Policy and further consideration by the Board will be continued to the October 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

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 and other fire districts plan to meet again on Basic Life Support services following the summer break.

Commissioner Mark Thompson reported that he will be unavailable to attend the October 8, 2026 budget pre-meeting and the budget workshop depending on scheduling. Chief Leonoard Johnson indicated that the budget workshop meeting will take place on October 28, 2026.

Related to possible funding for a medical services officer, Commissioner Len Albert highlighted the importance of providing behavioral health services to the firefighter community.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Board meeting; the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 1859.

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