



Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioners 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), Captain Brandon Haun (virtual), Captain Casey Sobol (virtual), Captain Jeff Novak, Lt. Jason Stoltz (virtual), FF Clint Carlson, FF Kyle Rose, FF Saul Gonzalez, FF Erik Kaufman, 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. Commissioner Dale Putnam was excused.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Chief Leonard Johnson requested that the subject of authorization to purchase and pre-pay a Type 1 Engine apparatus to be added to New Business. The agenda with this additional subject was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITING SPEAKERS

FF Erik Kaufman and FF Saul Gonzalez presented to the Board and described their experiences to date with the Fire District.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 14, 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:	\$510,951.87
i. 5-26-2026 Month-End Payroll EFT:	\$269,022.49
ii. 5-26-2026 Month-End Payroll Claims #260507001 – 260507021:	\$241,929.38
b. EMS Fund 6694:	\$275.00
i. 5-26-2026 #2 May Claim #260506001:	\$275.00
c. SORT Fund 6699:	\$3,977.93
i. 5-26-2026 #2 May Claims #260505001 – 260505003:	\$3,977.93

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Policy-Community Events and Fundraiser Participation (policy no. TBD)*

Chief Leonard Jonnson and Business Operations Director Monica Davis reported to the Board that the Fire District requests approval of the new policy regarding community events and fundraiser participation introduced at the May 14, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. 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. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fire District's new Community Events and Fundraiser Participation policy (policy no. to be decided); the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Type 1 Engine Apparatus Purchase and Pre-Pay*

Chief Leonard Johnson requested that the Board authorize the Fire District to accelerate from 2027 to 2026 the approximately \$1.27 million purchase and pre-pay of the Type 1 Engine apparatus previously discussed. Final contracting documents are prepared and the legal analysis for the use of the Source Well contract is being completed. Funding availability for the purchase will limit the Fire District to a single apparatus using the pre-paid discount process from the Engine manufacturer Pierce. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fire District's 2026 approximately \$1.27 million purchase and pre-pay of the Type 1 Engine apparatus from the manufacturer Pierce as described in the final contracting documents; the motion carried.

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

Chief Leonard Johnson extended an invitation to the Board to attend the June 24, 2026 West Thurston Life Safety Council.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened into Executive Session at 1856, for an estimated 10 minutes to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. The Board will reconvene at 1906 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 1906.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:

Absent/excused

Dale Putnam, Chair

Len Albert, Commissioner

Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Date

Jason Foust, Commissioner

Mark Thompson, Commissioner

Tom McBride, Board Secretary