



Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held March 24, 2026, at the district's administrative office at 3801 East Farwell Road, Mead, Washington and via Zoom.

Chairman Brian Mather called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Brian Mather, Commissioner Greg Anderson, Commissioner Jim Bennett, Fire Chief Matthew Vinci, District Secretary Allison Sargent, Assistant Chief Nathan Jeffries, Assistant Chief Dan Cecil, Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Walsh.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chief Vinci asked to add a 30-minute executive session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

**Public Comments**

No comments were received.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Anderson moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED MARCH 24, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116099 THROUGH #116130 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,160.14 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,542.76, PLUS THE MARCH 13, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$671,173.23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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**Chief Reports**

Chief Cecil recognized the crews for their handling of a touch pediatric trauma call earlier this week. Everything the crews done was done with a high level of professionalism. The teams training, equipment and post incident peer support were highlighted. The Board was thanked for their support in training and equipment.

Chief Vinci gave the Board an update on ambulance operations. Additional equipment will be purchased for each ambulance such as hand tools. The goal is to have all units set up in the next few weeks and be assigned to stations to start seps and reps which will include operation of the stretcher, familiarization of equipment on the ambulance, communications, and much more. A training plan is being developed by Captain Spencer. Task books for lead techs will need to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. We currently have 13 personnel and 2 recruits interested in being on the ambulances when they launch on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The fourth unit is expected to arrive in April. Once here a power load and power cot will be installed.

Today it was announced by Chief Vinci that Firefighter Pea will promote to the position of EMS Lieutenant, effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Chiefs are currently working on the Battalion Chief posting, hoping to have it out later this week with testing in July.

Work continues on the bridge renaming. Chiefs will attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Washington State Transportation Commission meeting in Walla Walla. There is a meeting on Thursday with WSDOT to discuss location of signage.

Chief Jeffries reviewed Dark Horse Statistics from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup> which included incident volume, response volume, incident types and aid statistics. Commissioner Mather requested at the end of the year to break down responses to Mead School Districts and Whitworth University properties which could be presented to each agency to build deeper relationships.

**Old Business**

- a) none

**New Business**

- a) Chief Vinci reviewed the updated February 2026 financial reports with the Board.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Mather announced at 6:59 p.m. that the Board was going into a 30-minute Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).



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At 7:29 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

*Allison Sargent*

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Allison M. Sargent  
District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:

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Chairman Brian A. Mather