



Regular Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held on June 23, 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, District Secretary Allison Sargent, Fire Chief Matthew Vinci, Assistant Chief Nathan Jeffries, Assistant Chief Dan Cecil, Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker, and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Jeff Higen, Dan Walsh, Chris Inman, Whit Spencer, Robert Gray, Nic Pluskota, Todd Younker, and Joe Pittelkow.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chief Vinic added an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(a)(g). Not to exceed 15 minutes.

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 JUNE 9, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED JUNE 23, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116365 THROUGH #116387 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,079.89 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,471.44, PLUS THE JUNE 15, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$716,852.89. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

All chiefs gave an update on the Upriver Fire. Chief Vinci expressed his appreciation for all uniform staff for all their hard work. The public has been extremely grateful for our team and mutual aid partners. Chief Vinci thanked all agencies for their support along with the shop and admin staff. The fire is currently 90% contained. Command was officially transferred from the Type 3 team back to District 9 and DNR on Sunday. Captain Turner is assisting as a Type 4 IC trainee. There is still a Level 1 Evacuation in the upper Northwoods area due to ongoing hazards. Chief Cecil and Alli are tracking all employees to allocate costs for reimbursements. Reimbursements will be through DNR, WA State Mobilization, and the Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant. A meeting is scheduled onsite with insurance company representatives to ensure data for recovery costs. Outreach efforts began immediately on social media. Information packets are being prepared for residents, and the district is planning to attend the Sandy Ridge HOA meeting to address issues from the assessor's office. Chief Vinci is also planning to schedule an After-Action Review.

Chief Vinci let the board know the SAFER and AFG grant applications have been submitted, meeting both deadlines. Ambulance transport is seven days away and probationary firefighters are currently receiving EVIP training. Ambulances 90, 91, 92 and 94 are ready for service. Systems Design training will start tomorrow for the next three days to go over documentation and billing. A ceremony to celebrate the start of our transport service is scheduled July 1st, many individuals throughout the county have been invited.

Old Business

- a) none

New Business

- a) The Board reviewed Resolution 26-8 for a Lid Lift. The resolution proposes raising the current levy from .65 cents to \$1.50. This is the first reading; the second reading and adoption of the resolution are scheduled for July 14th followed by submission to the county.
- b) The Board reviewed Resolution 26-9 for a Bond. This resolution calls for a 20-year bond totaling \$70 million. This is the first reading; the second reading and adoption of the resolution are scheduled for July 14th followed by submission to the county. The bond funds are intended for replacing Station 99, building a training classroom facility and renovating/adding to the existing fleet and facilities building.



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Executive Session

All members were removed from the meeting except for Chief Vinci, and Assistant Chief Jeffries.

Chairman Mather announced at 7:04 p.m. that the Board was going into a 15-minute executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:19 p.m.

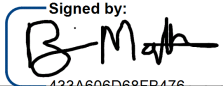
With no further business, Chairman Mather adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman Brian A. Mather