



Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held January 27, 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: Able Fisher, Dan Walsh, Shane Wyatt, Dan Fry, Isaiah Dean, Mike Stussi and Station 91.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IS. 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 JANUARY 13, 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 JANUARY 27, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #115965 THROUGH #115978 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,716.05 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,423.98, PLUS THE JANUARY 15, 2026 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$693,773.81. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

Chief Vinci gave an update on the Transport Service Program. Two applications were received by the Department of Health for the Open Transport License, District 9 was one of them. The scoring process is underway. Applications will next go to the East Region Trauma Council for public comment up to 45 days. All other aspects of the program are moving on time or ahead of schedule.

21 conditional offers have been made and accepted, pending pre-employment onboarding and transport license approval. There are 10 FF/Paramedics, 6 laterals and 4 entry levels, and 11 entry level FF/EMT's. The academy will start on March 2nd. A collaborative meeting was held with Districts 3, 8, & 4 regarding the academy. An interlocal agreement will be presented at the next meeting for the academy.

Three new ambulances are currently in Salt Lake City, Chief Vinci and Chief Strong will be going down next week to see them. Delivery is set for the end of February. Graphics and other details will be finalized upon arrival to avoid change order expenses or delays.

District 9 hosted a seminar with Systems Design West, the transport billing company. We had about 20 additional regional attendees. They will be returning for additional training on documentation and billing for recruits and current staff.

A resolution on Tower 91 has been made with Pierce, regarding the corrosion issue. Pierce and Hughes will pay 2/3 of the cost. The district will cover the remaining 1/3. Hughes will do a full frame inspection, and any further corrosion found will be addressed.

Two "Coffee with the Chief" events are being scheduled at Stations 96 & 93 to encourage community involvement in stakeholder meetings in March.

Chief Vinci, Chief Jeffries and Commissioner Bennett will be traveling to Olympia this week for Legislative Day. They will also be meeting with the Secretary of Health to discuss transport licensing challenges.

Old Business

- a) none

New Business

- a) Chief Jeffries presented the 2025 OSHA 300 Report. This report provides a summary of work-related injuries and illnesses for the previous calendar year. The reports have been posted in each district work location and will be reviewed as the Safety Committees next meeting.
- b) Chief Vinci reviewed the FY 2025 Financial Reports with the Board.



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- c) Chief Jeffries presented the 2025 Wildland Mobilization Report.
- d) Chief Vinci gave an update on the Audit and Commissioner Mather was selected as the Commissioner Representative.

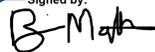
With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

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Chairman Brian A. Mather