



Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held May 12, 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: Matt Von Steuben, Able Fisher, Todd Younker, Shawn Lustig, Isaiah Dean, Chris Inman, Dan Walsh, Robert Gray, Matt Phippen, and Station 99's Crew.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Vinci let the Board know that retired Assistant Chief Jim Graue had passed away and his memorial service will be held at Station 82 in District 8 on Saturday, May 16th at 11:00am.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE 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 APRIL 28, 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 MAY 12, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116226 THROUGH #116270 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,526.23 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,130.68, PLUS THE APRIL 30, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$978,817.01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

Assistant Chief Bleeker let the Board know that for the month of April the prevention department completed 73 inspections and one fire investigation involving a trailer fire. Prevention continues working with schools on public education. More than 4,000 kids and 500 staff were reached through school drills, which is approximately 2,000 families contacted about SCFD9 and the public education events held at the schools. Assistant Chief Bleeker reviewed new constructions projects and pre fire plans within the district.

Chief Vinci presented on behalf of Division Chief Strong, who is currently driving to the west side of the state to pick up our 5th ambulance that the district was awarded in an auction from Public Supply. The new unit is a 2016 Dodge Ram from Anacortes, WA. This will serve as a reserve unit. The district's 4th unit is being transported from Utah and expected to arrive next week. Tower 91 had a third transmission put in that is covered 100% by the warranty. It will be tested before being put back into service in the next two weeks. Engine 93's body work is complete, and waiting on decals and logos.

Assistant Chief Cecil discussed the upcoming ambulance training plan that has been broken into six modules. The first two modules are virtual followed by hands-on for modules 3-6 which will include EVIP, ambulance checks and how to operate the cots. New recruits will have two weeks of EMS training during the last two weeks in July.

Chief Vinci let the Board know the promotional ceremony that was scheduled for May 14th has been postponed and a new date in June is being coordinated. The Strategic plan documents are in its final stages, and performance measures will be presented to the Board by AP Triton at the first meeting in June. Chief Vinci also gave an update on the Local Loan Program that was approved last year.

Chief Jeffries reviewed the response statistics for April as well as Automatic Aid with the City, Stevens 1, District 4 and the Valley.

Old Business

- a) Chief Vinci gave an update on the future Bond and Levy Measures the district is planning to run this Fall. He presented the first draft of the *Resolution Providing for the Submission of Levy* to the Commissioners for review. The final draft should be finalized by the first meeting in July and submitted to the County.

New Business

- a) Commissioner Anderson guided a discussion on the Commissioner Dress Code. The main concern was what the commissioners should wear during a Class A event. It was decided that the district should purchase matching sport jackets and pants for each Commissioner to wear when appropriate based on events and meetings they may attend in the future. The district will also purchase pocket greeters for each Commissioner.



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Executive Session

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

Chairman Mather announced at 7:35 p.m. that the Board was going into a 20-minute executive session to review collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).

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

Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHRORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL 2916, FOR VACATION SELECTIONS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mather announced at 7:45 p.m. that the Board was going into a 15-minute executive session to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs per RCW 42.30.110(1)(d).

At 8:00 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 10 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m.

District Secretary Sargent was removed from the meeting for the final executive session.

Chairman Mather announced at 8:10 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).

At 8:25 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 20 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 8:45 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



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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