



Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held February 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, and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Walsh, Dan Fry, Station 91, Station 94, Jim Nelson from DA Davidson and Chief Dennis Doan.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chief Vinci asked to add an item under Old Business to discuss the ambulance invoice and change order.

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 FEBRUARY 10, 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 FEBRUARY 24, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116025 THROUGH #116047 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,369.50 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,542.67, PLUS THE FEBRUARY 13, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547,473.73. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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Commissioner Mather thanked Chief Vinci and the District for all their hard work in getting the transport license approved.

Jim Nelson from DA Davidson presented on Bond Financing. Nelson discussed the debt capacity for the district, gave an overview of the financing process and key factors for tax rate planning. Commissioner Mather asked for advice on asking for a bond and a lid lift from the taxpayers. Nelson reviewed voter education processes, ballot timing & voter behavior, and campaign strategies. A work session with the board is scheduled for mid-March to narrow down decisions for timelines in 2026 and 2027.

Chief Reports

Chief Vinci discussed the next steps in receiving our transport license. DOH will conduct a virtual ambulance inspection this Friday. The virtual inspection will check for minimum DOH equipment, insurance and other essential items. The goal is to have the license in hand early next week.

Academy 2026-1 starts March 2nd, Lieutenant Kreutz is the drill master, and Firefighter Richardson and Firefighter Hamburg will be assisting with the academy. Fire District 8 will also be providing a lead instructor.

Chief Doan presented leadership training to 35 district employees today. The training focused on the foundation of leadership principles. Chief Surgeon from Norfolk will be here tomorrow to present.

A revised Capital Facilities plan has been emailed and shared with the Board for review. The final presentation is proposed for the March 10th board meeting. TCA will be here to present the final plan.

Old Business

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDERS THAT TOTAL \$80,809.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO PROCESS THE PAYMENT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

New Business

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-5 AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY AUCTION OR SALE AND ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SLAE PRICE FOR THE EQUIPMENT AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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- b) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICTS 4 & 8 FOR A JOINT FIRE ACADEMY. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.


Executive Session

Chairman Mather announced at 7:28 p.m. that the Board was going into a 20-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).

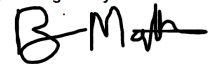
Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

 Allison M. Sargent
 District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:


 Chairman Brian A. Mather