



Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held on July 14, 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, Assistant Chief Nathan Jeffries, Assistant Chief Dan Cecil, Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker, Division Chief Doug Strong, and Finance Manager Chad Heaton.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Walsh, and Ryan Loncosty.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

New Business items (a) Resolution 26-8 and (b) Resolution 26-9 have been moved to *Old Business* on the agenda

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

**Public Comments**

No comments were received.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Anderson moved TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Anderson moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED JULY 14, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116396 THROUGH #116459 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,225.66 AND WARRANT #116460 THROUGH #116461 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,302.50 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,800.66, PLUS THE JUNE 30, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$960,130.86. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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#### **Chief Reports**

Chief Strong gave an update on Tower 91, Engine 99, Engine 93 and the Dozer Hauler.

Chief Vinci let the board know that follow-ups continue with the Upriver homeowners. The incident report has been reviewed and is now complete. Chief Vinci is scheduled to meet with multiple HOAs from the Upriver and Northwoods area as well.

The districts education campaign for the Levy & Bond is being prepared along with a For and Against Committee. We received great feedback from across the region and hospitals on our ambulance transport services. We have done 162 transports since July 1<sup>st</sup>, and all have been through the QM process. 152 have been approved and submitted to System Design West so far. Purchasing planning meetings have begun with Pierce.

Chief Vinci let the Board know that Assistant Chief Bleeker will be retiring on November 30, 2026, after 40 years in the Fire Service and 32 years with District 9.

Chief Bleeker gave an update on Fire Inspections completed, Fire Investigations, New Construction Projects and Public Education.

#### **Old Business**

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-8 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Anderson moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-9 PLACING A BOND ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, BALLOT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.

#### **New Business**

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-10 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY DONATION, WITH SAID EQUIPMENT TO BE DONATED IN AN "AS IS CONDITION, WITH ALL FAULTS". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Anderson moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-11 DECLARING THE MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC RECORDS INDEX TO BE UNDULY BURDENSOME. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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- c) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-12 AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT MEDICAL PHYSICIAN ADVISOR AGREEMENT WITH SPOKANE EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

**Executive Session**

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

Chairman Mather announced at 7:30 p.m. that the Board was going into a 20-minute executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price per RCW 42.30.110.1(b).

At 7:50 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 20 minutes.

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

Chairman Mather announced at 8:10p.m. that the Board was going into a 30-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 8:40 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 20 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 9:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Mather adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

*Allison Sargent*

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Allison M. Sargent  
District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:  
*B. Mather*

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Chairman Brian A. Mather