



Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 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, District Secretary Allison Sargent, Fire Chief Matthew Vinci, Assistant Chief Nathan Jeffries, and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Walsh, Jeff Higen, Whit Spencer, and Able Fisher.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chief Vinci added an additional item to new business for SOP 929 on Facility Access as well as an addition Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii) to discuss litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency not to exceed 15 minutes.

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 MINUTES OF JULY 14, 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 JULY 28, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116466 THROUGH #116485 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,688.26, ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,983.02, PLUS THE JULY 15, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$856,281.33. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

Chief Strong gave an update on Tower 91, Ambulance 90 and the Dozer Hauler.

Chief Vinci let the Board know that Resolution 26-8 and Resolution 26-9 with supporting documents for the Lift and Bond will be submitted to Spokane County Elections tomorrow.

We will be holding a promotional ceremony on August 28th at Whitworth University from 9:00 – 11:00 am in their multipurpose room. There will be a total of 11 promotions to celebrate. Two Battalion Chiefs were promoted today which will be effective August 15th. The third BC position will be filled using contract language with an OOC officer of an OT Battalion Chief. An Administrative Chief will be on duty weekly, starting the week of August 15th. They will oversee administrative operations, personnel, fleet and facilities while supporting the Battalion Chief. Guidelines and expectations for the Administrative Chief will be distributed to all personnel. Interviews are being held this week for two Captains, two Lieutenants and one FEO.

Chief Vinci gave updates on the Upriver Fire, the Bigelow Gulch Fire from Sunday, and the Little Balding Fire from Monday. An after-action review was completed for the Upriver Fire last week internally and externally.

The district has transported 320 patients in the last 28 days.

Chief Vinci reviewed the June 2026 finance report with the Board.

Old Business

- a) None

New Business

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-13 AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY ACTION OR SALE AND ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SALE PRICE FOR THE EQUIPMENT AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE DISTRICT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT UPDATED SOP 720 TRANSPORTATION FEES. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- c) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE SOP 929 ON FACILITY ACCESS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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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 7:23 p.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).

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:29 p.m.

Chairman Mather announced at 7:30 p.m. that the Board was going into a 15-minute executive session to discuss litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency per RCW 42.0.110 (1)(i)(iii).

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

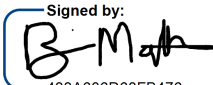
With no further business, Chairman Mather adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

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Chairman Brian A. Mather