



Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held June 9, 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, and Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker.

Guests in Attendance: Able Fisher, Dan Walsh, Jeff Higen, Matt Von Steuben, Chris Inman, Attorney Deanna Gregory, Attorney Eric Quinn, and Mike Despain with AP Triton.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chief Vinic added an additional item under New Business to review/approve an invoice from Peoria Ford for the purchase of a new Battalion Chief Vehicle.

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 MAY 26, 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 JUNE 9, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116310 THROUGH #116358 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,808.54 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,365.67, PLUS THE MAY 29, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$971,505.03 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Chief Reports

Chief Vinci presented Chief Strong's report as he was at Station 93 for repairs.

Engine 93 remains at the body shop waiting for additional parts to complete repairs. Tower 91 is out of service for brake replacements. Ambulance 93 is currently in the paint shop for color matching. Both AM93 & AM90 will be receiving decals, radios, headsets and new seats.



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These will match our other three ambulances when finished. Engine 99 continues to experience issues with the alternator and AC compressor.

Chief Bleeker let the Borad know the prevention department completed 65 inspections in May, exceeding their goal of 50 and five fire investigations have been completed so far in 2026. Public Education continued in the schools reaching 662 students and 130 staff members, this was a collaboration with the American Red Cross.

Chief Vinci discussed the district's current CPR program which will end after the August class and a new hands-only CPR program will be implemented, moving away from certifications. New mannequins will be purchased for this program along with AED trainers.

Chief Vinci thanked Captain Higen for his work with the Wildland Mitigation Coalition. He is also working St. George's School on a program to remove overgrown fuels. Resolution 267 was approved making Fire District 9 a participant in the Spokane County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This plan assesses risks, identifies management strategies and is required for accessing grant programs like SAFER and FEMA funds.

The state audit is still ongoing with the financial report submitted in May. Once the audit is complete, we will receive a final report. Staff continue to have weekly meetings for this.

SREC recently did a CAD system testing for our new ambulances and it was successful with minor corrections needing to be made. Ambulances will conduct a test run for emergency calls on June 29th and 30th. Recruits will have two weeks of additional EMS training after graduation focusing on documentation, county protocols, procedures and ambulance operations. System Design will deliver documentation training to career staff on June 24th and 26th.

Old Business

- a) Attorney Deanna Gregory with Pacifica joined the meeting to discuss the draft Bond Election Resolution and Explanatory Statement. Both documents were presented to the Board and each section was reviewed.
- b) Chief Vinci reviewed the SAFER Grant application that was discussed at the last board meeting. It is now proposed to apply for six additional firefighter positions instead of the initial three. This will increase compliance with NFPA standards by almost 10% and improve our chances of passing the electronic scoring. Beyond the six proposed career personnel, the district plans to request an additional mechanic and finance position next year.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO EXPAND THE SAFER GRANT APPLICATION FROM 3 TO 6 PERSONNEL. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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New Business

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-7 TO ADOPT THE SPOKANE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- b) Chief Vinci reviewed the 2026-2031 Strategic plan with the Board. It includes key performance indicators and around 80 tasks.
Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 9 FROM 2026-2031. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- c) Chief Vinci provided the Board with a copy of the new F250 Ford invoice, this is a designated vehicle for the Battalion Chief position. The vehicle was purchased through the Arizona Purchasing Co-Op and is being outfitted for public safety. Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO PROCESS THE INVOICE FOR THE LISTED AMOUNT FOR THE BATTALION CHIEF VEHICLE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

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

Chairman Mather announced at 8:08 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).

At 8:38 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 8:49 p.m.

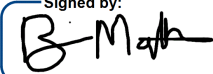
With no further business, Chairman Mather adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

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Chairman Brian A. Mather