



Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held April 28, 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, Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Walsh, Marcus Lowther, Station 91 & Station 92 crews.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chief Vinci asked to add an executive session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). not to exceed 10 minutes.

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 APRIL 14, 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 APRIL 28, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116195 THROUGH #116217 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,648.75 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,483.82, PLUS THE APRIL 15, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$714,611.33 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

Chief Strong gave an update of fleet and facilities. T91 is having its transmission replaced this week and E93 is still currently in the body shop. The ambulances are still on track to be delivered to stations by May 11th. Chief Vinci let the Board know the Part Time Temporary Maintenance Assistant has been hired and will begin on May 8th.

Chief Cecil, Captain Spencer and Lieutenant Pea met with MultiCare representatives recently to build a relationship before our transport services begin. Additional meetings with Providence and Hawthorne Urgent Care to introduce our transport services are currently scheduled.

Dr. Baehr, who was recently interviewed to replace Dr. E, participated in a Ride Along with Lieutenant Pea yesterday and toured the district. They discussed the expectations for the potential role as the district's medical advisor.

Chief Vinci, Assistant Chief Jeffries, Captain Turner and Firefighter Barlow attended the Washington State Transportation Commission for the naming of the 395 Bridge after Lieutenant Paramedic Cody Traber. The resolution passed unanimously. The WSTC will provide the district and Traber family with a framed copy of the resolution. The next steps involve finalizing signs with the DOT and planning an unveiling ceremony.

Chief Vinci discussed the next Officer Development Program which will be October 6th & 7th at Whitworth University. Topics that will be discussed at this training are HR issues for fire officers, Leadership case studies and report writing for company officers. This will be required for Battalion Chief candidates but open to others as well as other districts for a daily fee.

A fifth ambulance is in the works, primarily for preventative maintenance. Chief Vinci is looking at one through an Auction from Anacortes, WA.

The volunteer officer meeting was held last week. They discussed running a support academy in the future. Captain Spencer is leading this program and will look at recruitment this fall for an academy in 2027.

Old Business

- a) The Commissioners requested a levy and bond timeline at the last Board meeting. Chief Vinci has been working with the bond attorney who will help District 9 write our Bond Resolution as well as the Bond Ballot Title. Assistant Chief Jeffries has been in communication with Attorney Quinn about developing a Levy Resolution. Chief Vinci presented a levy and bond timeline.



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New Business

- a) District Secretary Sargent presented the BVFF 2025 Annual Pension Participation Certification form to Chief Vinci and Chairman Mather for signatures.
- b) Chief Vinci reviewed the March 2026 financial reports with the Board and discussed future FY26 budget adjustments.
- c) Commissioner Bennett moved TO DECOMMISSION REM 92 AND THE REM 92 MOBILIZATION PROGRAM. 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 7:40 p.m. that the Board was going into a 10-minute Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

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

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:

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Chairman Brian A. Mather