



Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held May 26, 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, Assistant Chief Doug Bleeker, and Division Chief Doug Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Randy Meck, Able Fisher, and Dan Walsh.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IS. 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 12, 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 MAY 26, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #116275 THROUGH #116297 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,659.76 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,886.06, PLUS THE MAY 15, 2026, PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$675,330.10 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

**Chief Reports**

Chief Vinci gave an update on the Bridge Naming for LT/PM Cody Traber. The WA DOT has reached out and will be paying for the signs and installation, that date is still being determined. The WA Transportation Commission provided the district with a framed copy of the Resolution that will be displayed in the administration building, additional copies will be shared with the families.



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The Strategic plan is about 95% done, and additional edits have been sent back to AP Triton for review. The district has been working with Dark Horse on response time metrics which will be added to the Strategic Plan to help determine station locations and service delivery times. The goal is to have AP Triton present at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and have the Board consider adoption of the Strategic Plan.

Ambulance 93 arrived from Utah last week and is undergoing installations including a power load, power cot, and new floors to match the other ambulances. EVIP training is taking place this week for the ambulances with career staff. A kickoff event for the new ambulance service is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. on Station 92s training grounds. The event will include County Commissioners, State Officials, the distribution of a commemorative challenge coin, multiple speakers and coverage by the media.

**Old Business**

- a) At the May 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting the Board approved an LOU with Local 2916. Two minor edits have since been added and the new LOU will supersede the last document after additional changes were made.  
Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IAFF LOCAL 2916 ON VACATION SELECTION AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ALLOWED OFF PER SHIFT ON VACATION AND KELLY DAYS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

**New Business**

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT A SAFER GRANT FOR THREE POSITIONS, TO STAFF TOWER 91 WITH A PERMANENT 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREFIGHTER. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215,419 FOR STATION EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEMS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- c) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT UPDATED SOP 708 EMS PATIENT CARE REPORT DOCUMENTATION. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- d) Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.
- e) Chief Vinci reviewed the April 2026 Financial reports with the Board.
- f) Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO PROCESS THE INVOICE TO PROFESSIONAL SALES AND SERVICE FOR \$55,811.25 FOR A 2018 FORD F550 HORTON AMBULANCE. 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 7:20 p.m. that the Board was going into a 15-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).

At 7:35 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 10 minutes.

Chairman Mather called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m. and asked District Secretary Sargent to rejoin the meeting.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE 50 ADDITIONAL HOURS OF EXECUTIVE LEAVE FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF JEFFRIES, ASSISTANT CHIEF CECIL, DIVISION CHIEF STRONG, ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 50 HOURS FOR CHIEF VINCI AND TO BE ADJUSTED IN THE FY26 BUDGET. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:  
*Allison Sargent*  
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Allison M. Sargent  
District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:  
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Chairman Brian A. Mather