



Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held June 10, 2025, at the district's administrative office at 3801 East Farwell Road, Mead, Washington and via Zoom.

Chairman Gregory M. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Gregory M. Anderson, Commissioner Brian A. Mather, Commissioner James E. Bennett, Fire Chief Matthew T. Vinci, District Secretary Allison M. Sargent, Assistant Chief Nathan P. Jeffries, Assistant Chief Douglas M. Bleeker, Assistant Chief Daniel W. Cecil, Division Chief Douglas G. Strong, Division Chief Bobby J. Shindelar and Finance Manager Chad M. Heaton.

Guests in Attendance: Dan Garner.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Dan Garner thanked Fire District 9 for their support with Spokane Community College's Science Fire Program, specifically with Wildland training for 24 students. Commissioner Anderson also thanked Dan for his support and help at Demo Day.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Mather moved TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Mather moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED JUNE 10, 2025, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #115379 THROUGH #115423 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,243.82 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,125.20, PLUS THE MAY 30, 2025 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$817,165.46. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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Chief Reports

Chief Strong gave a Fleet & Facilities update letting the Board know E942 is expected to be back service by the end of this week.

Chief Bleeker updated the Board on the ongoing IT Projects across the district as well as new construction. In May the Prevention did 35 inspections.

Chief Cecil let the Board know there are 5 Sets & Reps classes left. 117 repetitions have been completed with difference occupancies. 921 Task Book is nearing completing, this has been sent out to Chief Officers for review. HDE (Health Data Exchange) has been added to ESO as a new application. This will allow crews to track patient outcomes from handoff to AMR. Feedback from the hospital will also be available. Chief Officers will review FEO candidate results by the end of the month. They will discuss comments and scores from PST. Five turnout wear tests have been distributed, receiving positive feedback on the specifications and adjustments are being considered. The new SCBAs are on pace to be delivered in July.

Chief Jeffries gave an update on the IT migration from the servers to the cloud which is still underway. Next week the planning and implementation for Microsoft Teams will begin. UDS provided physicals to 31 personnel which included ultrasounds of carotid arteries and organs for early detection of cancers and cardiac issues. Additional physicals will be set for September. This service is covered by the IAFF Trust.

Chief Shindelar discussed the grant awarded to the district which was used to order 10 DKR5000 Radios. The off-road driver training for brush trucks and UTV's has been completed as well as the dozer operator and transport driver safety training. The updated BLM agreement will be reviewed this week as well as the proposed changes for the FLRA agreement with DNR.

Chief Vinci thanked all that were involved to make Demo Day 2025 such a success. There was an estimated 2500+ attendees, two morning live broadcasts and the presentation of Commissioner Anderson's 45th year with the district. Vinci was nominated to be an alternate on the SREC board for the Inland Empire Fire Chiefs. Mediation is scheduled for June 11th between the City and County regarding SREC. The ASB is still working though language issues with AMR on the current contract. Vinci will co-chair a private public working group with Chief Malone. The TCA contact is close to being finalized. June is all about data collection. TCA will be doing prep work with Dark Horse this month. Chief Vinci gave a breakdown of what the next 12 months look like for our Facilities Assessments & Plans.

Old Business

- a) None



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New Business

- a) The Board reviewed the April Financial Dashboard and expenditure spreadsheet with Finance Manager Heaton.
- b) Commissioner Bennett move TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2025 DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

Assistant Chief Bleeker, Division Chief Strong, Division Chief Shindelar, Finance Manager Heaton and Dan Garner were excused from the meeting in preparation for Executive Session.

Chairman Anderson announced at 7:20 p.m. that the Board was going into a 15-minute Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

At 7:35 the executive session was extended for an additional 10 minutes.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Greg M. Anderson

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Chairman Gregory M. Anderson