



Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held January 13, 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 Bobby Shindelar.

Guests in Attendance: Robert Gray, Dan Walsh, Matt Turner, Ben Walters, Jon Keller, Jeremy Bunney, Pat Thoen, Todd Younker, Rana Mahmood, and Shawn Lustig.

All in attendance joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Vinci started the meeting by recognizing staff for their years of service. Commissioner Mather received a pin for 5 years of service, which he will achieve at the end of this year. Captain Matt Turner, Firefighter Jon Keller and Firefighter Todd Younker all received service pins for 25 years of total service with District 9.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Mather asked to add a 30-minutes 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).

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 DECEMBER 23, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.



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Commissioner Anderson moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED JANUARY 13, 2026, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #115918 THROUGH #115960 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,496.89 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,412.52, PLUS THE DECEMBER 31, 2025 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$828,420.15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.

Chief Reports

Chief Bleeker reviewed investigation and inspection reports for the month of December. Numbers were lower than normal due to the first week of the month having individuals attending a fire investigation course and the third week of the month being involved in the new hire process. New construction in the north quarter was also discussed.

Chief Cecil presented the total incident volume within the district and number of incidents of aid given and aid received. These reports compared 2024 to 2025. Next year our reports will look different as NFIRS does not use the 100 codes. From 2024 to 2025 there was about a 1/5% increase. Commissioner Mather pointed out that the report colors change and asked for this to be adjusted for next time to stay consistent.

Chief Vinci gave an update on our transport services. The open license expires on January 17th, 2026, and District 9 is still currently the only applicant. The application will be scored and sent to the East Region Trauma Council for comments, up to 45 days. DOH will finalize the application after the ambulance inspections.

Candidate interviews with the Fire Chief for the open positions will take place next week, January 20th and 21st with conditional offers to follow.

District 9 will be terminating its role as the Contract Administrator for the ASB. This is due to the district moving towards transport services. District 9 will remain a member of the ASB until June 30th. Assets will be transferred back to the ASB, and they will select a new CA. District 9 will seek reimbursement for staff time spent administering the contract.

Pierce has accepted a report on corrosion issues with Tower 91. A meeting with Pierce is scheduled to find a resolution. We are seeking compensation for damages, time, parts and services related to corrosion issues.



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AP Triton is in the early stages on information gathering for strategic planning. External stakeholder meetings are schedule, including a business roundtable on March 20th and a community meeting on March 21st. A capital facilities plan review workshop is scheduled for January 26th. Systems Design, who will be doing our ambulance billing will host a regional educational seminar also on January 26th. Final Presentations will be done at the first board meeting in February. Commissioner Mather suggested completing all projects within a five-year window if funding could be secured, stating taxpayers want to see immediate results for their money.

Division Chief Strong along with two others are currently in Columbus Ohio inspecting the new ambulance units. After inspections it will take about a week for follow-up items to be addressed at the factory before they are sent to Salt Lake City. There was a discussion about modifying the coloring of the lettering on the units.

Old Business

- a) The district is still working with Local 2916 on the Lateral LOU and Transport LOU. L2916 gathered feedback and recommended changes. This included splitting the lateral and ambulance LOU's into two separate LOU's. The change to the lateral LOU was minor, referencing the appendix fee in the CBA for additional criteria to place laterals into the pay scale. More significant changes were made to the ambulance transport LOU, which are outlined in the board decision packet.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL 2916. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously approved.

New Business

- a) Commissioner Anderson moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-1, COMMISSIONER SERVICES. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Anderson moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 26-2 INVESTEMENT OFFICERS, RESOLUTION 26-3 DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR WARRANTS AND RESOLUTION 26-4 DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.
- c) Commissioner Anderson moved TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FIRE CHIEF, AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AT THE 2026 COMMISSIONERS & CHIEFS LEGISLATIVE DAY IN OLYMPIA, WA ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH 2026 AND TO PAY ASSOCIATED EXPENSES. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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Executive Session

Chairman Mather announced at 7:20 p.m. that the Board was going into a 30-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 7:50 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 20 minutes.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m.

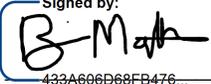
With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

Allison M. Sargent
District Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman Brian A. Mather