



Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 25, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District 9 was held November 25, 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 Daniel W. Cecil, and Division Chief Douglas G. Strong.

Guests in Attendance: Able Fisher, Dan Fry, Jeff Reid, Ryan Loncosty, Andrew Hoogstad, and Brock Walker.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

No comments were received.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bennett moved TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS LISTED ON THE VOUCHER APPROVAL DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2025, BEGINNING WITH WARRANT #115808 THROUGH #115827 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,330.55 ALSO TO CERTIFY THE DIRECT PAY TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,590.65, PLUS THE NOVEMBER 14, 2025 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$576,616.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.

**Chief Reports**

Chief Strong gave an update on fleet and facilities letting the Board know T91 repairs have been made and UL is scheduled to re inspect next week. Station 96's pump has been pulled and replaced and the water test came back with no bacteria. Chief Vinci added that have been conversations with the Foothills Associations about renewing their lease. The existing langue states the Association is responsible for 25% of the maintenance associated with the storage tank. They are in support of the well being repaired.



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Chief Vinci let the Board know a second submission to Pierce & Hughes is being submitted regarding rust on Tower 91, requesting warranty coverage.

The recent steering committee meeting was successful in moving the transport license for the district onto the next step in the process. The open license will be posted for 30 days for applications.

Interviews will be conducted December 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> for over 160 applicants. A team is meeting weekly to go through all aspects of logistics.

The insurance and GEMT credentialing process is underway. Documentation has been submitted on the ground emergency medical transport program.

SREC will be moving into the BUC on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be operating with about 20 employees. The CAD implementation for all SREC users has been delayed to October 2026 due to the City moving away from SREC.

A recognition event will be held at Station 92 next Tuesday to celebrate the promotion of Whit Spencer, and to recognize the lifesaving events from Engine 93, Engine 92 and Chief Cecil.

### **Old Business**

- a) none

### **New Business**

- a) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT THE DISTRICTS 2026 BUDGET. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.
- b) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-10: INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LEVY. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.
- c) Commissioner Bennett moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-11: BUDGET FOR YEAR 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.
- d) Commissioner Mather moved TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT SECRETARY TO CERTIFY TO THE SPOKANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A TOTAL LEVY REQUEST OF \$20,813,000 FOR 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved.



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- e) Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE UPADED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.
- f) Chief Vinci reviewed the October 2025 Financial Reports with the Board.
- g) Commissioner Bennett moved TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH AP TRITON FOR THE DISTRICTS STRATEGIC PLANNING. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mather and unanimously approved.

**Executive Session**

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

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back to order at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman Anderson announced at 7:20 p.m. that the Board was going into a 20-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 7:40 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for an additional 35 minutes.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison M. Sargent  
District Secretary

APPROVED:

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*Chairman Gregory M. Anderson*