



East County Fire and Rescue

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Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting February 17, 2026

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Joshua Seeds

Brendan Addis

Martha Martin

Steve Hofmaster

Eric Holt

Chief Steve Black

Assistant Chief Jacobs

Debbie Macias

Kevin Hawkey

Dalton Payne

Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 18:30. This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/video conference format.

Flag Salute

Commissioner Martin led the flag salute.

Agenda Adjustments

Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 03, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of February 03, 2026 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Addis to approve the consent agenda, **seconded by Commissioner Holt**.
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No Comments.

Correspondence

None.

Staff Reports

1. Chief Black's report is in the meeting packet.
2. Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report; a copy is in the meeting packet.
3. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that per the safety committee there was one accident/incident since the last board meeting.

Fire District Business

1. Recommend to suspend the following:
 - 00.1 Board of Commissioners Policy (updated to policy requesting to be adopted).
 - 10.4.1 Tenure-Recognition (updated to current policy 1.2.9).
 - 10.7.6 Weapons (updated to policy Safe Workplace).
 - 10.7.23 Code of Ethics (updated to current policy 1.2.1).
 - 402 Code of Ethics (updated to current policy 1.2.1).
 - 40.0 Asset Management (updated to current policy 1.3.5).
 - 90.2.5E Jury Duty-Court Appearance (updated to policy requesting to be adopted).
 - 90.5.3 Travel Expense (updated to policy Travel and Training Expense and Reimbursement 1.3.4).

Motion by Commissioner Martin to suspend the recommended SOG/SOP, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. Approve/Disapprove the following SOP's
 - SOP – Jury Duty and Court Appearance Policy.
 - SOP – Debt Collection Policy.
 - SOP – Board of Commissioners Adherence to Commissioner's Handbook.

Motion by Commissioner Holt to approve the updated SOP items, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Discussion on outstanding newsletter debt. Chief Black shared information on what Brian Snure recommended. He also said if it were to go to small claims court, we would want to make sure the vendor has the funds to pay back or we will lose more money taking it to court. The topic is tabled until next board meeting to see if any new information can be gathered on the vendor.
3. Approve tentative date for Open House 2026. – The board secretary asked if August 8, 2026 would work for everyone. The date was approved.
4. State of the District. – Just a reminder that this letter is normally put out in April so please keep that in mind.

Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
 - City of Camas – February 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM – City of Camas.
 - City of Washougal – February 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM. City Hall – To be changed.
2. Risk Group – Held February 05, 2026. – No new information at this time. Next meeting is April 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM via zoom.
3. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) – February 24, 2026 at 1:30 PM (will be changing waiting on City of Washougal to confirm).
4. Safety Meeting – March 19, 2026 at station 91 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Holt – date on risk group is actually April 15, 2026 not March 15, 2026. Shared that he read an article on a class action suit going on with a company that builds fire engines. Wanted to make sure we were clear of that company with our new fire engine that is being built.

Commissioner Addis – Thanked Chief for an email that was sent out, that it had good feedback.

Commissioner Martin – Reminded the board that the PDC updated are coming and make sure to comply. Also, that the Spring Seminars are coming and if you wanted to go to let the board secretary know.

Commissioner Hofmaster – Mentioned that he is sad to see the board secretary leave her position due to leaving the area.

Commissioner Seeds – Also thanked the chief for an email sent out with good feedback. Also asked about the blood drive.

Public Input

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

No new business.

Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district's monthly event calendar.
- Regular Board meeting will be March 03, 2026 Station 91 at 6:30 pm. – Hybrid format.
- Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting February 19, 2026 Station 91 at 3:00 pm. – Hybrid format.

Both the strategic planning workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format permitting in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website. (www.ecfr.us).

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Addis to adjourn at 19:17, seconded by Commissioner Holt. Motion passed unanimously.



Joshua Seeds, Chairperson



Brendan Addis, Vice Chair



Martha Martin, Commissioner



Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner



Eric Holt, Commissioner

Attest



Debbie Macias, District Secretary
Steve Black, Chief (Alternate)

