East County Fire and Rescue

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Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting
October 29, 2026

Station 91
3:00 PM
Approved Minutes

Attendance

Martha Martin	Brendan Addis	Joshua Seeds
Steve Hofmaster	Chief Steve Black	Deputy Chief Sammy Brown
Pam Jensen	Teresa Guard	

Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. This meeting was in hybrid version in-person/video conference format.

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g): To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board went into Executive Session at 3:01 PM for 20 minutes, to return at 3:21 PM.
Commissioner Seeds extended Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes, until 3:36 PM
The Board reconvened at 3:36 PM.

Commissioner Seeds shared that no decisions will be made following the executive session; the Board is prepared to continue contract discussions in a later meeting.

Fire District Business

Full Budget Review: Fiscal Year 2027

Chief Black opened the review with a high-level overview of the Capital Projects Plan, which covers fiscal years 2027 - 2036, with an emphasis on 2026 achievements and plans for 2027. Plans for 2027 include the purchase of extra sets of extrication tools, regular rotation of inventory (such as SCBA packs and radios), station repair and maintenance, and acquisition of and final payment for the new engine.

Chief Black continued with an overview of the budgeting process, including philosophy and strategies for planning for succeeding years and the actual creation of the annual budget by administrative and line staff. A detailed, line-by-line review of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027 followed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Joshua Seeds, Chairperson

Brendan Addis, Vice Chair

Martha Martin, Commissioner

Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Eric Holt, Commissioner

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Teresa Guard, District Secretary
Steven Black, Chief (Alternate)

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