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Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

July 21, 2026

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Joshua Seeds
Steve Hofmaster
Teresa Guard
Kevin Hawkey
Cooper Clapp

Brendan Addis
Chief Black
Mike Clapp
John Prash

Martha Martin
Assistant Chief Jacobs
Dalton Payne
Jacob Dobbins

Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. This meeting was conducted in hybrid format to allow for in-person or video conference participation.

Flag Salute

Commissioner Brendan Addis led the flag salute.

Presentation

Volunteer Firefighter Mike Clapp presented Assistant Chief Robert Jacobs with the 2026 Washington State Fire Fighters' Association Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Agenda Adjustments

Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 07, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of July 07, 2026 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s): the Board of Commissioners excused Commissioner Holt from the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Addis to approve the consent agenda, **seconded by Commissioner Martin.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No comments.

Correspondence

- The Washington Fire Commissioners Association has announced the 2026 WFCFA Conference: it will be October 21st – 24th, 2026 in Spokane. Registration opens on August 18th; Commissioners will need to confirm attendance. Some discussion regarding this followed.

Staff Reports

1. Chief Black gave his report; a copy 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 were no new accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

Fire District Business

1. Resolution 388-07212026 – Surplus equipment: Apparatus 1018 (see attachment A).
Motion by Commissioner Hofmaster to approve Resolution 388-07212026, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A check has been issued to Rosenbauer for the pre-payment invoice for the chassis for the new engine (Resolution 338-12192023). This pre-payment allows the district to save \$15,144 on the overall cost of the engine.
3. Landscaping bid discussion: ECFR received an updated landscaping bid. The proposal focuses in on a few critical areas and allows time to take a more strategic approach to future beautification efforts. Some discussion ensued; the Board agreed to move forward with the proposal.

Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
 - City of Camas – August 25, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Camas City Hall.
 - City of Washougal – July 24, 2026 at 2:00pm at Washougal City Hall.
2. Next Risk Group Meeting – next meeting September 24, 2026 at 8:00 AM.
3. Next East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) – August 12, 2026 meeting cancelled; next meeting November 11, 2026.
4. Safety Meeting – July 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM at Station 91.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin – Reminded attendees about the Airport Master Plan Open House on July 23.

Commissioner Martin also updated the Board on the results of more research into the merger/annexation process, namely that the merging district (in this case, ECFR) would be the

constituency voting on whether the two districts would be allowed to merge, and that all Commissioners would retain their positions until—through attrition or vacancy—the governing board gets down to the number of seats the district wishes to maintain. Some discussion ensued regarding the merger/annexation processes.

Lastly, Commissioner Martin updated that she and Deputy Chief Brown have been rehearsing and plan to perform a few songs at the ECFR Open House.

Commissioner Hofmaster – Thanked Firefighters Dobbins and Lockwood and Chief Black for being so informative and helpful when touring his guests around the Station last week.

Commissioner Addis – Thanked Chief Black for sending out detailed information regarding the burn prop incident.

Commissioner Seeds – Mentioned that he stopped by Station 93 recently, and did indeed notice that the lights were left on. While he was there three ECFR Firefighters and a new Volunteer were there to do some landscaping work and were doing a great job. He also noticed some tansy growing in the stormwater swale and suggested that ECFR might look into what needs to be done regarding the removal and disposal of that.

Commissioner Seeds also noted that while the recent training incident injury was relatively mild, it easily could have been worse and he takes that very seriously. He expressed support for the direction Chief Black has taken in following the recommendations made as a result of the incident as well as for any subsequent training needed.

Lastly, Commissioner Seeds noted that there has been a lot of change and transition—intentionally and otherwise—in the district during his tenure, and everyone’s patience is appreciated as some of those changes are completed.

Public Input

No comments.

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district’s monthly event calendar.
- Next Regular Board meeting will be August 04, 2026 Station 91 at 6:30 PM, hybrid format.
- Next Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting August 06, 2026 Station 91 at 3:00 PM, hybrid format.

Both the Commissioner Staff Workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format allowing for in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district’s website. (www.ecfr.us).

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 7:15 PM to return at 8:00 PM.

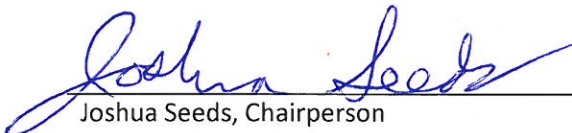
The Board reconvened at 8:00 PM.

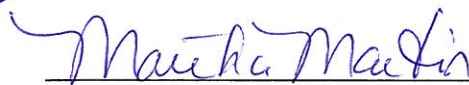
Commissioner Seeds shared that the Board had a discussion to review the performance of a public employee, but no decisions were made nor action required after the discussion.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Martin to adjourn at 8:02 PM, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster.**

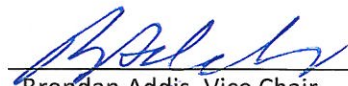
Motion passed unanimously.


Joshua Seeds, Chairperson


Martha Martin, Commissioner

not present at meeting

Eric Holt, Commissioner


Brendan Addis, Vice Chair


Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Attest


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

