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Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting August 04, 2026

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Joshua Seeds

Brendan Addis

Martha Martin

Steve Hofmaster

Eric Holt

Chief Black

Assistant Chief Jacobs

Teresa Guard

Call to Order

Vice Chair Brendan Addis called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. This meeting was conducted in hybrid format to allow for in-person or video conference participation.

Flag Salute

Chief Black led the flag salute.

Agenda Adjustments

- Commissioner Martin requested an adjustment to review the Commissioner Stipend RCW and procedure for waiving a stipend. Some discussion around regulations ensued, as well as a discussion regarding advanced assignment of one-off stipends by the board.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of July 21, 2026 BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of July 31, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Approval of Commissioner Stipends
 - Station Tour on July 17, 2026 (Hofmaster)
 - Review of Burn Prop Incident Report and preparation for Executive Session on July 20, 2026 (Seeds)
 - Port of Camas-Washougal Open House regarding Airport Master Plan on July 23, 2026 (Hofmaster, Martin)

- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve the consent agenda, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster**. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No comments.

Correspondence

None.

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. The minutes from the last Safety Committee Meeting should be included in the packet for the August 18 Regular Board Meeting.

Fire District Business

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 Holt – Apologized for not being able to attend the Special Board Meeting during the previous week.

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

Commissioner Hofmaster – no comments, just looking forward to the Open House on Saturday.

Commissioner Martin – Commented on the smoke in the air and the terrible fires in and around Spokane. Also reminded everyone about a few chokepoints and road closures in Washougal due to upcoming road construction. Expressed that she would like to plant a flag for the Station 91 9/11 Flag Planting Memorial.

Commissioner Seeds – Noted that his audio is slightly delayed and clarified that he cast a “yes” vote to excuse Commissioner Holt’s absence. Commissioner Seeds also mentioned that he’s been watching calls come in and is grateful that community members are being cautious and paying attention to conditions. Touched on fires in Spokane and expressed sympathy for those who have lost their homes. Lastly, he commended Vice Chair Addis for running a smooth meeting in his (in-person) absence.

Commissioner Addis – Thanked all the men and women working on the front lines of wildfire efforts across the state. Chief Black added that ECFR had a conversation with Camas-Washougal Fire Dept. about sending a combined crew to Spokane with one East County member.

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.

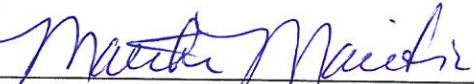
Both the Commissioner Staff Workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format allowing for in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district’s website. (www.ecfr.us).

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Holt to adjourn at 6:55 PM, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster**. **Motion passed unanimously.**


Joshua Seeds, Chairperson


Martha Martin, Commissioner


Eric Holt, Commissioner


Brendan Addis, Vice Chair


Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Attest


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

