

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2026; 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and accessible on Zoom. Commissioner Andy Rorie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Jeff Larsen (via Zoom), Commissioner Lee C Boling, Fire Chief Kenneth Erben (via Zoom), District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, HR Manager Renee Scacco, members of the District, and members of the public.

INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Rorie stated no comments were received via online or on the website.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve the agenda as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 116823 through 116688 totaling \$531,890.30
- Electronic Payments 12/01/2025 – 12/31/2025 totaling \$649,211.08

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling: move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Deputy Fire Chief Posting: Renee Scacco HR Manager noted there were 9 applicants which had been reviewed by herself and Chief Erben and will be looking on how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Meeting Start Time - Change to 5:00PM: Commissioner Rorie asked if any discussion was needed; Commissioner Boling noted it had already been discussed.

B. Resolution 26-01 Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Time Change: A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve Resolution 26-01 Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Time Change to 5:00PM. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Erben

A. None

OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief Erben

A. None

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers

A. Chair – Voucher signing 1/13/26: Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers notified the board in the absence of Chief Erben, per Justins Stern the chair should sign the vouchers. Commissioner Rorie noted he was available 1/13/26 to sign vouchers.

B. Legislative Day Update: District Secretary Michelle Rodgers confirmed all commissioners received webinar notice regarding updated format for Legislative day. Commissioner Boling explained Legislative Day format for the benefit of Chief Erben.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Awards Banquet – February 6, 2026: Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers outlined the awards dinner format for Chief Erben. Commissioner Boling noted the Commissioner's Award would have to be discussed during executive session. He also provided an RSVP for a previous Commissioners attendance to the dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 pm Commissioner Rorie requested an Executive Session for 30 minutes per **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.

Chief Erben, Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers and HR Manager Renee Scacco joined the commissioners in the Executive session.

At 6:40 pm, Commissioner Rorie extended the Executive Session for 30 minutes.

At 7:10 pm, Commissioner Rorie extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes.

At 7:30 pm, Commissioner Rorie called the meeting back in session.

Future Agenda Items

A. Station 85 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: District Secretary Michelle Rodgers stated this was still pending.

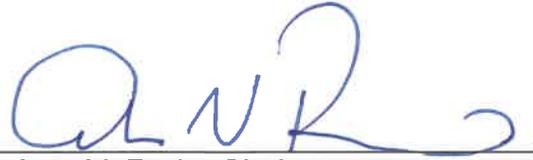
B. SREC Update – Chief Rohrbach (Feb): District Secretary Michelle Rodgers commented this had not been confirmed but would reach out to Chief Wyrobek.

C. Ambulance Services: Diana Wilhite asked if we could provide someone to represent SCFD8 at the Republicans of Spokane County meeting where ambulance transport would be up for discussion. Commissioner Rorie suggested the Fire Chief determine who this person would be for the January 16 meeting. Commissioner Boling will follow up with Chief Erben.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:37 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary