

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on March 10, 2026, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith - Teams  
Commissioner Lilly Hansen  
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield  
Fire Chief Will Aho  
Assistant Chief Brian Culp  
Secretary Melinda Wall

### In Attendance:

Lt. Joe Springer  
FF Dane Brookshear  
FF Tanner Hillier  
Capt. Scott Fleming - Teams  
Lt. Noah Fleming - Teams

### BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

#### **Public Comment Period**

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### WARRANTS:

Assistant Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment highlighting invoices for vehicle maintenance and iPad purchases.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 25445 - \$465.00; Voucher No. 25446-25447 totaling \$136,046.57 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$160,412.41. MOTION CARRIED.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#### **2026 Budget and Bond Fund Report**

The 2026 Expense Budget and Bond Fund Report were provided to the Board for review and discussion.

### STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

FCCA - Fall City Day Planning Meeting - 2/19/26 (6:00-8:00 pm)  
Cascade FC Soccer - Film Analysis Session - 3/10/26 (5:00-6:30 pm)  
Snoqualmie Valley Rifle Club - Board Meeting - 3/12/26 (6:00-8:30 pm)  
Si Meadows COA - Annual Homeowners Meeting - 6/9/26 (6:00-8:30 pm)  
Overlake Fly Fishing Club - Board Meetings - 3/11/26 -12/9/26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month (6:00-8:00 pm)

Agreements were approved.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Disclosure Commission – F1 Filing due 4/15/26

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### **CHIEF AHO'S BRIEFING / EFR MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT:**

Chief Aho presented his monthly Division Report to the Board, focusing on the following updates:

On February 25, the Department held its first Town Hall meeting for employees, where Assistant Chief Brian Culp and Deputy Director Angie Barid were introduced. The meeting featured a discussion on the relaunch of the Department's core values and concluded with a Q&A opportunity. These meetings are currently scheduled on the last Wednesday of every month at Headquarters. Additionally, Fire Marhsall Jeremy Hicks has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Support Services, succeeding the retiring Deputy Chief Greg Garat.

Chief Aho reported that he would send an invite to the Board for the next EF&R's Board of Directors meeting which is scheduled on March 12 at 4:00 p.m. Agenda items that may be of interest will include two presentations:

- Board Orientation - A review of the Department's governance structure, funding, roles and responsibilities for Boards and Commissions.
- Board Education - Attorney Quinn will discuss fire service options, including levies, taxes, fire benefit charge, and the legalities of mergers, annexations and regional fire authorities.

The Commissioners shared their interest in attending the meeting and Secretary Wall stated that she would post a special meeting notice.

### **ASSISTANT CHIEF CULP'S OPERATIONS REPORT:**

#### **Alarms:**

- In February 2026, the District responded to 19 aid calls, 12 medic calls, 22 Fire calls, and 5 service calls, for a total of 58 calls. The year-to-date total is 124 compared to 161 in 2025
- Turn-out times: February – The turn-out time standard was met on 33 of 50 calls (66.0%). The 90th-percentile turnout time was 1:59.
- Redmond Fire went to three MIH calls.
- EFR responded to two calls within the district.
- In February, we transported 9 patients to the hospital.

#### **Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:**

- 36 hours of E-Shift duty for February

#### **Career Staff:**

- Probationary Firefighter David Johnson has been on shift since February 15 and has been integrated into shift work. He has already had his first Working Fire on his first shift.
- Recruit Owen Moriarty is doing great in the academy and will have his first evaluation on March 13.
- D/O Noble was able to obtain a donation of a squat rack for the exercise area.

#### **Training:**

- D/O Patterson will be taking the Rope Tech Course at the end of the month.
- Lt. Fleming will be taking a wildland saw class at the end of the month.
- The Training Consortium conducted live fire training at the acquired structure in Fall City on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The training went very well, and one shift participated.

#### **Station/Equipment Projects:**

- The Brush Truck is in service, and all the crews have been able to train on it. It will be a great addition to our district and will be Mobe-ready for Wildland Season.
- The crews were able to clean and organize the Aux Bay, and we placed the Brush Truck, Boat, and tow vehicle for the boat into the Aux Bay. I want to thank all the crews that helped, as we are able to use the last bay for the first time to store a vehicle.

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- Stryker has completed maintenance on the gurney and powerlift on A152.
- Stryker has completed setting up the LP-15s, and I hope to complete training with the crews so that we can place them in service. I am also waiting on Dr. Rea for permission to participate in a pilot program to perform additional skills with the LP-15s.
- Tender 152 is in Shoreline for its 6-month maintenance and to fix an air leak.
- We purchased two iPads that were set up with Crew Force (CAD) for the units. The two older iPads are set up with SIM cards so that they can be moved to units without Wi-Fi. This will allow the crews to have up-to-date information on the calls that they are responding to. It will also allow them to take one on the boat so that the other units can track their exact location.

### **Community Projects/Events:**

- We hope to have the Lake Alice sign up within the next few weeks.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **3-Year Budget Projections**

Secretary Wall presented the draft budget projections for review and discussion. Data from King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis concerning assessed valuations (AV), new construction, and CPI forecasts was provided to the Board. The budget model assumed a 3% annual increase in tax levy revenues. New construction AV was projected at \$15 million per year for 2027-2028 and \$20 million per year for 2029-2030. Total revenues were projected to grow by an average of 3.23% each year (2027-2029) before slowing to 1.83% in 2030.

Secretary Wall reported on the inflator factors applied to the expense line items. Salary and benefits were projected with 13 FTEs. Overtime costs were expected to decrease after 2026, as the new hire would be on shift rotation this August.

Secretary Wall reported on the facility and vehicle maintenance line items. Facility projects include flooring, and HVAC equipment replacement. She discussed the escalating vehicle maintenance costs. In 2027 that line item was reset at \$55,000 with 5% inflators each year after, this may require further adjustment. The Board discussed apparatus replacement, it was noted that the tender would be the next priority for replacement.

Secretary Wall stated that additional costs associated with modeling an EF&R benefit package have not been included in the projections. Commissioner Belfield asked if there would be some savings recognized in other areas of a service contract. Chief Aho responded that it would depend on many factors, what Fall City wants for staffing, administratively, and if there is potential or capacity to reduce some costs.

Following discussion, Chairman Meredith requested additional modeling of the projections and a comparative analysis of the District's historical AV and new construction trends against the County's data.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **King County EMS Agreement 2026-2031**

Chief Aho discussed the 2026-2031 King County EMS Agreement that was provided to the Board. The County is requesting a letter to authorize Chief Aho to be a signatory for the District. After discussion, the following Motion was made.

On the Motion of Commissioner Belfield and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board authorized Chairman Meredith to sign a letter on behalf of the Board authorizing Chief Aho as a signatory for the District to execute the "Community Services Agreement - Other Government," between King County Public Health and King County Fire District 27.

MOTION CARRIED.

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OTHER:

The Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Fall City Roadhouse March 21, starting at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 3:46 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

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Commissioner

Kristina Bell  
Commissioner