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 September 8, 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.

Commissioner Belfield called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present:
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Fire Chief Will Aho
Assistant Chief Brian Culp

In Attendance:
Cpt. Scott Fleming
Lt. Noah Fleming
FF David Johnson

Commissioner Daniel Meredith absent and excused
Secretary Melinda Wall absent and excused

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Commissioner Belfield and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the warrants and EFT transactions as presented.

On the Motion of Commissioner Belfield and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses; Voucher No. 25631-25656 totaling $89,156.85 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling $163,960.00. 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. AC Culp reported on current overtime costs and stated that additional PFML leave is expected in October and December. He also discussed current market conditions which are indicating declining assessed valuations in the District. The tax levy worksheet from the Assessor's Office is expected within the next few weeks, which will provide better information regarding assessed valuations and new construction amounts for the 2027 tax levy. The Board discussed the timeline for when the public hearing on the 2027 budget would be held.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Empower Youth Network – Youth Mental Health First Aid Class
10/10/26 (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)
Approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Encompass Birthday Party Request
Approved

CHIEF AHO'S BRIEFING / EF&R MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT:

Chief Aho reported on the following:

- He thanked the Board for supporting the Fire Chief Services Interlocal Agreement.
- He acknowledged the Fall City crews for their dedication and hard work during this busy summer.
- Community engagement continues. 9/11 events, and this year is the 25th anniversary.
- Potential grant opportunities from King County may be available for Fall City.
- EF&R has a new grant manager.
- EF&R Board Meeting, Thursday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m.
- RFA Planning Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CULP'S OPERATIONS REPORT:

Alarms:

- In August 2026, the District responded to 44 aid calls, 15 medic calls, 32 Fire calls, and 25 service calls, for a total of 116 calls. The year-to-date total is 689 compared to 682 in 2025
- Turn-out times: August - The turn-out time standard was met on 56 of 96 calls (58.3%). The 90th-percentile turnout time was 2:13.
- Redmond Fire went to eight MIH calls.
- We had eight calls that were handled by outside agencies.
- In August, we transported 17 patients to the hospital.

Volunteers:

- We had 12 hours of E-Shift duty for August

Career Staff:

- We are working out a time to meet with the Union to start negotiations on the CBA.
- I want to thank the crews for their continued hard work that they put into the station and the community.

Training:

- Continued training between all the shifts to complete their quarterlies. Both FF Johnson and PFF Moriarty continue to work on their JATC requirements.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- A-252 is up at the Shoreline Shops on a problem with the turbo that we have continued to have. The repair will be on Shoreline since they have repaired this item prior. Once it returns, I will have Stryker come out to repair the gurney and EZ-load system that we received from Kirkland Fire.
- Shoreline shop came to the station to evaluate E252 after the crew noticed smoke coming from the unit. It was determined that one of the aux blowers was the cause, and they are ordering parts to repair it.
- We will be meeting with Hughes Equipment soon to go over the Engine plans and set a time in November to go for the preconstruction meeting. Under the agreement, we can take 4 people for both the preconstruction and final sign-off of the new engine.
- We are working to purchase a new Litter Basket for the Engine. We are purchasing the same type as EFR so that the wheel attachment is the same. We will use EMS Levy Core Funds for this purchase.
- The 9/11 event will occur this Friday with the sounding of the Station alarm at 6:58 a.m. and 7:28 am. In honor of those who sacrificed their lives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2027 Budget Planning

AC Culp reported that work continues with the data inputs for the 2027 budget and he expects that a draft budget will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

District 27 Regional Fire Consolidation Options

Chief Aho reported that the North Bend / FD38 RFA Planning Committee is meeting every two weeks. In early January, they are expected to present the final RFA Plan to their respective governing boards for approval. The timeline for a ballot measure submittal is February 3, 2027 for the April 27, 2027 election. If approved the RFA would be formed on July 1, 2027.

Chief Aho reported that the RFA Planning Committee is supportive of future annexations involving other agencies and indicated that District 10 and 27 may be positioned to seek voter approval during the August 2027 election. Additional discussion focused on the District's next steps.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

AC Culp reported that the Union's request to begin bargaining had been received and that negotiation meetings would be scheduled soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a 15-minute Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. with Chief Aho and AC Culp in accordance to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), for planning and adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. At 4:10 p.m. an additional 10 minutes was requested.

At 4:20 p.m. the Board convened back into the Regular Meeting and no action was taken.

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Belfield at 4:23 p.m.

Attest:
Melinda Wall
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner