

# 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 May 12, 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 3:01 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:**

Capt. Scott 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 April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

The Board reviewed the warrants and EFT transactions as presented.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses; Voucher No. 25513-25535 totaling \$73,259.13 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$154,438.70. 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:**

Cascade FC Soccer - Staff Meeting - 4/21/2026 (6:00-8:00 pm)  
Cascade FC Soccer - Team Meeting - 4/27/2026 (5:15-6:30 pm)  
Cascade FC Soccer - Staff Meeting - 5/12/2026 (6:00-8:30 pm)  
Snoqualmie Valley Rifle Club - Board Meeting - 9/10/2026 (6:00-8:30 pm)  
Agreements were approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

Chief Aho presented his monthly Division Report to the Board, highlighting the following:

- Chief Aho and AC Culp met with King County Executive Girmay Zahilay during his visit to Fall City to meet with the local business leaders.
- Chief Aho attended the Snoqualmie Valley State of the Cities presentation.



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- Chief Aho, AC Culp, and EM Bawden attended the Carnation City Hall groundbreaking event.
- The next EF&R Board of Director's meeting is 5/14/26. Puget Sound Fire Authority has been invited to present information at the meeting to share their experiences when they formed their Regional Fire Authority (RFA).
- Chief Aho, AC Culp, DC Putnam and DC Walker attended the North Bend City Council workshop to participate in RFA discussions. It is anticipated that D38 will send a formal letter to North Bend requesting a partnership to focus on fire service funding and that North Bend will respond in kind.
- The Executive Team hosted the first Labor/Management Retreat yesterday.

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

#### **Alarms:**

- In April 2026, the District responded to 27 aid calls, 11 medic calls, 6 Fire calls, and 18 service calls, for a total of 62 calls. The year-to-date total is 282 compared to 310 in 2025.
- Turn-out times: April -The turn-out time standard was met on 25 of 57 calls (43.9%). The 90th-percentile turnout time was 2:08.
- Redmond Fire went to four MIH calls.
- EFR responded to one call within the district while we were on another call.
- In April, we transported 10 patients to the hospital.

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

- 36 hours of E-Shift duty for April

#### **Career Staff:**

- Recruit Owen Moriarty will have his final evaluation for the fire academy part on May 21. He will then start the EMT Course.
- PFF Johnson completed his JATC 1A test.

#### **Training:**

- Crews were able to complete additional Swiftwater and boat training.
- Crews have completed their wildland refresher training for the upcoming season.
- Crews have also completed training for live fire, wildland training with Snoqualmie, and their regular monthly training.

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

- Aid-252 is in the Shoreline Shop.
- All of our SCBA bottles have been hydrotested.
- All of the SCBA packs will go through flow testing this month.
- We will have the roof cleaned this month.
- The F-150 has had its emergency lighting package installed.
- We are getting one additional quote for the outfitting of the F350 for a shell and slide so that it can carry extra gear for water rescue calls.

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

- The crews will participate in the Cemetery cleanup on May 16th. This is done each year before Memorial Day.
- We have some of the elementary classes coming to the station next week for Station visits.
- Fall City Day will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Belfield asked about the status of the catamaran (rescue cat). AC Culp reported that it has been repaired, and he did get some quotes for a new one ranging from \$2,000-\$3,000.



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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Secretary Wall provided two updated budget projections. The first one looked at the District's budget from a conservative approach and the second one provided a better case scenario. A five-year cash balance analysis was also provided for the Board's review.

Under the conservative model tax levy inflators were estimated at 3%-3.5%, with assessed value inflators of 3.5%-4%. New construction values were \$15 million, \$18 million, and \$45 million for years 2027-2029.

Under the more optimistic model tax levy inflators estimated up to 4% with assessed value inflators of 5%-8%. New construction values were \$15 million, \$22.5 million and \$57 million for years 2027-2029.

Secretary Wall reviewed the inflationary assumptions that were applied to the expense line items. Utilities and fuel were adjusted upward to reflect current market conditions. Facility and vehicle maintenance line items were discussed. In the better case scenario budget those line items were lowered, however due to facility project timelines, vehicle maintenance schedule and potential unforeseen costs, this would be an area of the budget that would require further review.

Apparatus replacement was discussed and the recommendation would be to earmark potential GEMT funds for apparatus replacement in a separate budget.

The discussion shifted to the upcoming labor contract and the direction the District may go in the future whether an RFA or other options. Commissioner Belfield stated this may be an appropriate time to begin thinking about a long-range plan. He also noted that one of the challenges is the unknown variables. If the District moves toward a contract-for services model or an RFA, the cost structure could change considerably, while the District's revenues would likely remain consistent with the current model.

Chief Aho discussed EFR's budget approach, as one budget at a time, while incorporating long-range forecasting for equipment and capital needs. They also align with the Cites in doing bi-annual budgets. As for RFA conversations, EFR would need to completely reimagine their approach with budgeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

## OTHER:

### Adjournment:

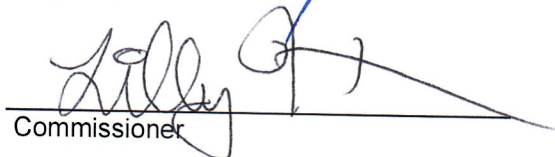
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 3:48 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

