

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 February 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
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Fire Chief Will Aho
Assistant Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

Lt. Parker McKinnon
FF Marcus Noble
FF Dane Brookshear
Capt. Scott Fleming - Teams
Lt. Noah Fleming - Teams

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

None.

Board for Volunteer Firefighters Meeting

The Board convened into a Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters' meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Board convened back into the Regular meeting at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

Assistant Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 25418 - \$75,513.68; Voucher No. 25419-25444 totaling \$81,246.56 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$186,380.74. 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.

Secretary Wall provided an update on overtime expenditures, annual subscriptions for the District's financial software and website hosting, as well as expenses associated with the recent hire.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Falls Little League - Board Meeting - 2/24/26 (6:30-8:30 pm)

Overlake Fly Fishing Club - Fly Fishing Class - 2/11/26, 2/17/26 (6-8 pm)
2/28/26 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Overlake Fly Fishing Club - Steve Foisie - Entomology Class - 3/25/26 (6-9 pm)

Overlake Fly Fishing Club - Steve Foisie - Cutthroat Trout Class - 4/22/26 (6-9 pm)

Agreements were approved.



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CORRESPONDENCE:

Fall City Elementary School PTSA – Birthday Party Request

WFCA Seminars:

New & Experienced Commissioner, Chief & Secretary Training 3/14/26 -Spokane

5/2/26 - Suquamish (webinar option for both)

Transforming Fire Service Culture: Leadership, Mental Health and Commissioner's Role

6/6/26 – Chelan

The Board discussed and approved the birthday party request from the Fall City Elementary PTSA.

Secretary Wall asked the Board if they had any interest in attending the WFCA Seminars and requested Board approval for attendance and compensation.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved attendance and Commissioner compensation for the WFCA seminars. MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF AHO'S BRIEFING / EFR MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT:

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

He and Commissioner Sandall participated in Legislative Day in Olympia, where they met with several representatives. Their discussions focused on Eastside Fire & Rescue's (EF&R) top priorities, specifically seeking legislative support for PFOS contamination an issue currently affecting both EF&R and the City of Issaquah. Wildfire preparedness and the ongoing issue of insurance companies declining policy renewals was also discussed.

A two-day EF&R Leadership Team retreat was held recently with topics including organizational values, communication, culture and future strategies. They plan on hosting Town Halls each month at various locations to help develop communications within our communities.

AC Culp, DC Walker and Chief Aho attended the FD38 and City of North Bend special meeting to learn about options for sustainable fire service. Chief Aho thanked the Board for their attendance at the meeting. Ideas that were shared will be included on EF&R's agenda for their next regular Board meeting, scheduled on March 12th. Commissioner Belfield stated there was a lot of good information provided at the meeting and he asked how FD38 and North Bend intended to move forward. Chief Aho stated that FD38 and North Bend will do some exploratory planning meetings next to identify shared interest of both agencies.

The Board discussed attending EF&R's March 12th meeting. Secretary Wall stated that she would post a Special Meeting notice for the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CULP'S OPERATIONS REPORT:

Alarms:

- In January 2026, the District responded to 22 aid calls, 14 medic calls, 21 Fire calls, and 9 service calls, for a total of 66 calls. The year-to-date total is 66 compared to 75 in 2025
- Turn-out times: January – The turn-out time standard was met on 29 of 59 calls (49.2%). The 90th percentile turn-out time was 2:11.
- Redmond Fire went to four MIH calls.
- EFR responded to three calls within the district.
- In January, we transported 11 patients to the hospital.

Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- 12 hours of E-Shift duty for January

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County Projects:

- We finished submitting final invoices to KCEMS to close out the EMS Levy period.
- We are waiting for the new KCEMS contract for the new levy period.

Career Staff:

- Probationary Firefighter David Johnson graduated from the recruit academy on January 27, 2026. He is finishing out post-academy this week and will be on shift on the 15th of February.
- Recruit Owen Moriarty completed pre-academy and has started the recruit academy this week.
- I want to thank Lt. Springer for taking the saws for annual PMs.
- I want to thank all of the crews for their continued hard work around the station on being able to complete projects and start new projects as they come up.

Training:

- The crews have been able to train at an acquired structure within Fall City on Fall City-Carnation Rd. This structure will have Live Fire Training on February 18th and 19th through the Training Consortium.
- Crews are also rotating up to Station 31 for firefighter survival drills.
- We have submitted requests to the Training Consortium for three of the career staff to attend Rope Rescue Tech and one for a Wildland Saw class.
- Lt. Fleming is applying for the IFSAC Fire Officer 1 course that will be held in the next few months.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- I received an email from Hughes Fire Equipment, and the building of the new engine could potentially be moved up in the schedule into Fall or late 2026.
- The Brush Truck has made its way back to the Station, and the crews have been able to switch all the equipment over to it.
- I hope to obtain the gurney and powerlift from Kirkland Fire this week.
- We are waiting on Stryker to come out to finish setting up the LP-15 so that we can place them on the units.
- Engine 252 is in the shop for a continued air leak, and its 6-month PM. Tender 152 will then go in for a continued air leak and a 6-month PM.
- I am working with Kirkland Fire to obtain a gurney that they are not using anymore so that we can place it into the backup Aid-Car and have a spare.

Community Projects/Events:

- Planning for Fall City Day will start on February 19th and continue until the event.

Commissioner Belfield asked about the wildfire risk sign for the Lake Alice community. Assistant Chief Culp stated the sign has been delivered and is ready to be installed.

Commissioner Belfield asked about EFR's involvement in the Firewise program. Chief Aho stated that Cat Robinson is EF&R's Wildfire Mitigation Specialist and she is fully trained in the Firewise program and provides home assessments. She and Chief Culp were on the core planning team that authored King County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Discussion followed regarding seasonal weather conditions and scheduling chipper days in the district.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3-Year Budget Projections

This item tabled.



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NEW BUSINESS:

None

OTHER:

The Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Fall City Roadhouse on March 21, 2026.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 3:35 p.m.

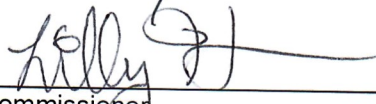
Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner