

Fire District 3

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Present: Tryon Family, One citizen, Battalion Chief Andrew Blomdahl, Chief Drone, Assistant Chief Smith, Division Chief Mansfield, Commissioner's Couture, Thornberry, Bowman, Station 31 crew, and Trey Bowman. Online Jim Nelson, D.A. Davidson & Co.

Call to Order – 18:00

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110(1)(f): To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such an officer or employee, a public hearing, or a meeting open to the public, shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge.

- A 10-minute executive session was needed. In executive session at 18:01. Executive session adjourned at 18:11. Back in normal session at 18:12.

Correspondence - None

Public Comment - None

Presentation

Bonding Options – Jim Nelson, D.A. Davidson & Co. Jim Nelson presented a PowerPoint Presentation on bonding options. A motion was made to pursue the pre-payment option for the new fire engines. A motion was made by Commissioner Thornberry and was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. The motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a commissioner requests specific item(s) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda

A. Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes of May 14 and May 16, 2025	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 8,100,483.45
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ (397,603.24)
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 27,535.44
E. Transmittal FD305272025	\$ 208,779.06
F. Payroll FD3 5/25/2025	\$ 404,959.19

A motion to approve the consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Bowman and was seconded by Commissioner Thornberry. The motion to pass the consent Agenda passed 3-0.

Old Business

- UTV Purchase Options – Firefighter/Paramedic Becker UTV Presentation on upgrading the current UTV to a larger four-door model to increase capabilities. Discussion followed on the trade in value and Commissioner Bowman's recommendations of speaking with the General Manager of Pro Caliber, Larry Anbers. Looking at options of increasing the size to 1500 as well as purchasing a 20 X 8.5 foot trailer to

haul the UTV and equipment. The proposal included a 15.6 K increase for the new UTV and a 15 K increase for a new trailer. Total proposal for the UTV 30.6 K. A motion was made by the board to move forward with a new trailer purchase and a 1000 size UTV. Motion was passed 3-0.

- Fire Station Design Conference Update – Chief Drone and Chief Smith gave an update on the design conference they both attended in Phoenix. Specialized architects, design, construction cross cross-contamination, and maintenance were topics discussed.

New Business

- Training Update – Division Chief Mansfield gave an update on the status of the new hires. The pump academy was completed on 5/29/25, and the new hires will start their perspective shifts beginning June 1, 2025.
- Annual Report Certification – Chief Drone discussed the 2024 Annual Financial Report submission that will be sent to the Auditor's Office.

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

- A 25-minute executive session was needed. In executive session at 19:18. Executive session adjourned at 19:50 . Back in normal session at 19:51.

RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) Consideration of site selection or acquisition of real estate purchase or lease if the likelihood that disclosure would increase price.

- A 15-minute executive session was needed. In executive session at 19:52. Executive session adjourned at 20:05. Back in normal session at 20:05.

Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 25, 2025, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

Adjournment: 20:05




Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Commissioner Shane Bowman



Fire Chief Chris Drone