

# **Fire District 3**

**“more than fire...”**

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes**

December 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and online via Teams: [Teams meeting](#)

**Present:** Commissioner Bowman, Commissioner Thornberry, Commissioner Couture, FC Drone, AC Smith, DIV C Mansfield, BC31, E32 crews, Recruit families, and public. On-line B. Nohrenberg, R. Becker, S Lieser.

**Call to Order: 18:00**

**Correspondence: None**

**Oath of Service:** Commissioner Shane Bowman led the Oath of Service. Six FD3 recruits were officially sworn in.

- Blake Greeley – Firefighter EMT
- Lauren Heller – Firefighter EMT
- Brody Richardson – Firefighter EMT
- Hayden Rose – Firefighter EMT
- Nathan Springer – Firefighter EMT
- Jake Talarico – Firefighter EMT

**Public Comment; None**

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Shane Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Jon Couture. All were in favor. The motion to accept the consent Agenda passed 3-0.

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 November 26, 2025	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 6,676,913.21
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ 102,499.30
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 28,236.68
E. FD3 Impact Fees 6204i	\$ 1,577,698.60
F. Transmittal FD312102025	\$ 104,578.82
G. Payroll FD3 12/10	\$ 396,428.37

### **Old Business**

- BC Negotiations Update – FC Drone gave an update on Tuesday’s meeting.
- RFA Presentation Update – Fire Chief Drone and Commissioner Thornberry attended a recent Regional Fire Authority (RFA) meeting held in downtown Vancouver. Agencies represented at the meeting included FD3, FD5, FD6, Clark County Fire Rescue (CCFR), and Vancouver Fire Department (VFD). The discussion focused on the process of forming an RFA, including financial structure and funding mechanisms. The next step, should the parties choose to proceed, would be a formalized planning

process. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowman stated that this is primarily a city issue, noting that fire funding currently comes from the general fund and that there is no clear benefit to the district at this time. It was noted that northern counties have experienced growth and boundary changes. Fire Chief Drone emphasized the importance of remaining informed and engaged to understand potential impacts. Commissioner Bowman expressed concerns regarding assets, resource movement, station ownership, and the loss of local control.

Commissioner Thornberry stated there was no discussion regarding moving forward at this time. It was noted that when an RFA is formed, existing debt is assumed.

- Ambulance Update. AC Smith and BC Blomdahl went to a pre-build meeting at Braun Northwest. FD3 used NCEMS specs with a mindset to build a rescue. Changes were made to the spec after the meeting. Will look at CCFR medic units (Hughes Medix)  
FC Drone, The District budgeted for a used 4WD ambo for WL season.

**New Business**

- 2026 Fee Schedule- FC Drone, the District's fee schedule has been updated. Changes made included adding a fee for Acquired Structures, which mirrors CCFR. A motion to accept the fee schedule was made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Thornberry. All were in favor. The motion to accept the fee schedule passed 3-0.
- Roof Bids – Station 35 FC Drone, three bids were received. All bids were under 350K. The bids will be evaluated with more information to follow.
- Legislative Day – Jan 29 FC Drone and Commissioner Bowman to attend.
- Awards Banquet – Jan 23 FC Drone. The awards banquet will be held on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at the PT from 5:00 pm -9:00 pm.
- January Meeting FC Drone, On Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners Couture and Bowman to take the Oath of Office and establish a board chair.

**Executive Session**

**Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

**Adjournment:**

  
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Fire Commissioner Jon Couture

  
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Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry

  
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Fire Commissioner Shane Bowman

  
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Fire Chief Chris Drone