

Fire District 3

“more than fire...”

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

January 14, 2026

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

Call to Order: 18:00

Present: Commissioners Shane Bowman, Jon Couture, Dean Thornberry, FC Drone, AC Smith, DC Mansfield, DC Blomdahl, public and families.

Fire Commissioner Oath of Office

- Commissioner Dean Thornberry administered the oath of office to Commissioner Jon Couture – Position 1, and Shane Bowman – Position 3. Both were accepted and were sworn in for their next term.

Chair Election

Commissioner Shane Bowman made a motion for Commissioner Dean Thornberry to assume the Chair position on the board. All in favor. 2-0 motion was passed.

Correspondence

Fire Cadet's recent actions and positive impact to the Fire District.

Promotions

Commissioner Bowman administered the oath of office to all personnel being promoted. A short recess for celebration followed at 18:20. Back in session @ 18:45.

Captains

- Bryce Ponder
- Daniel Taylor
- Dustin Bross
- Zach Helmes

Battalion Chief

- Brian Brault

Division Chief

- Andrew Blomdahl

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Shane Bowman made a motion to accept the consent agenda. All were in favor 3-0. The consent agenda was accepted.

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 Commission votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda

A. Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2025	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 6,023,557.07
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ (534,938.77)
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 28,337.46
E. FD3 Impact Fees 6204i	\$ 1,595,332.09
F. Transmittal FD312302025	\$ 99,319.79
Transmittal FD301142026	\$ 376,118.16
G. Payroll FD3 12/24	\$ 384,875.66
Payroll FD3 01/10	\$ 398,920.32

Old Business

- EMS District 2 Update – FC Drone gave an update on the latest EMS District 2 meeting. FD3 will have Commissioner Dean Thornberry serve on the board. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 13:00.
- Roof Bids – Station 35 update. FC Drone gave an update on the bid process. 3-bids were received, with some lacking information. The district will formulate a questionnaire to send out for follow-up information to evaluate the bids. A recommendation will follow once all the information is compiled.

New Business

- Legislative Day – Jan 29 FC Drone and Commissioner Bowman to attend. EMS levy information in packets. There is information on a draft on house bill and RCW changes. Information has been forwarded to Senator Cortez.
- Upcoming Conferences
 - FDIC Commissioner Bowman to attend. DC Blomdahl checking.
 - WA State Fire Chiefs' Conference May 18-21.
 - WA State Fire Commissioners' Conference, Oct 21-24, Commissioners' Bowman and Thornberry plan on attending.

Executive Session

None needed.

Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

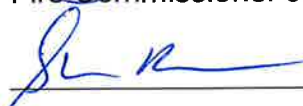
Adjournment: 19:00



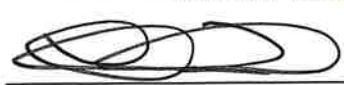
Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Commissioner Shane Bowman



Fire Chief Chris Drone