

# Fire District 3

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes

January 28, 2026

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

**Present:** Commissioners’ Couture, Thornberry, Bowman, FC Drone, AC Smith, DC Mansfield, DC Blomdahl, (1) citizen.

**Call to Order:** 18:00

**Correspondence:** Picture presented to FD3 from BGPD Police Chief from Harvest Days. Puzzle note presented by a citizen.

**Public Comment :** None

**Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Bowman made motion to accept the Consent Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Thornberry. 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 Commission votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda

A. Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 5,132,100.54
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ (465,127.93)
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 28,423.95
E. FD3 Impact Fees 6204i	\$ 1,596,079.12
F. Transmittal FD301212026	\$ 40,221.64
Transmittal FD301282026	\$ 245,088.98
G. Payroll FD3 01/23/2026	\$ 434,931.33

### Old Business

Roof Bid Update - Fire Chief Drone provided an update to the Board regarding the roof project. Chief Drone met with a City of Battle Ground building official and confirmed that the District is not required to meet current energy code requirements for this project.

The District is continuing to evaluate alternative roofing options, including conducting further analysis of existing roof layers and the presence of asbestos. Current building code allows for two layers of roofing; however, adding additional layers is not considered feasible. An asbestos report is still required prior to moving forward.

One option under consideration is a mastic repair approach.

- Contract – Met on 1/27/2026, still no agreement. Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.

**New Business**

- House Bill 2326 – Fire Chief Drone gave an update. HB 2326 would allow the District to run an EMS levy in the District in areas that are not served by an EMS levy . 1 of 7 seven topics discussed. Tabled until the next legislative session.
- CARES position update. Division Chief Mansfield updated the Board on the current status of the SWATCH Grant, which will not be renewed. The plan is to transition the FD3 single-role CARES Paramedic to the Clark County Fire & Rescue payroll effective April 1, 2026. CCFR has confirmed they will absorb the employee into their payroll and organizational structure.
- BC Vehicle – Division Chief Blomdahl provided an overview of apparatus lifespan considerations and replacement planning. A Board discussion followed. Commissioner Bowman shared examples of how the City maximizes resale value, recoups replacement costs, and maintains warranty coverage while apparatus are in service. The discussion included evaluating similar practices within the District.

The Board discussed the potential to establish a formal apparatus rotation schedule, beginning with the new Battalion Chief vehicle, with the goal of maximizing resale value while maintaining units within warranty parameters. It was also noted that dealerships can establish service contracts as part of the State bidding process, which may assist with lifecycle maintenance planning and warranty compliance.


- Budget Workshop Dates – Fire Chief Drone presented budget workshop ideas. A time in March still needs to be identified for the full-day session. FC Drone will send out available days for scheduling. The meeting will include a walkthrough of the budget process.

**Executive Session:** None

**Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

**Adjournment:** 18:25

  
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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