

Fire District 3

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

May 27, 2026

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

Present: Commissioner's Jon Couture, Dean Thornberry, FC Chris Drone, AC Sean Smith, DC Andrew Blomdahl were present. Captain Dustin Waliezer and one citizen were also present.

Called to Order: 17:59

Correspondence: Chief Drone presented two letters of support. One letter for the City of Battle Ground from Fire District 3 in support of a grant. The second letter was from Fire District 3 in support of the social worker position for CARES to renew that position.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Couture motioned to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Thornberry seconded the motion, and the consent agenda was approved.

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 May 13, 2026	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 9,755,602.72
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ (449,091.86)
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 28,813.35
E. FD3 Impact Fees 6204i	\$ 1,708,320.83
F. Transmittal FD305272026	\$ 285,657.45
G. Payroll FD3 05/25/2026	\$ 484,452.05

Old Business

- 2nd Quarter Budget Workshop: Last meeting Chief Drone presented several dates available for the budget workshop. We decided on July 22nd from 1300-1700 at Station 31.
- Open House: Chief Drone stated everything is ready to go. He included the IAP in the Commissioner's packets.

New Business

- New Ambulance Update: Chief Blomdahl gave an update on the new ambulance. Chief Smith and Blomdahl drove up to Braun NW for a Mid-Build inspection and everything looks great. The delivery date is June 25, 2026.
- SS4A Grant: This is a Safer Streets for All grant. Captain Dustin Waliezer has been working on this grant. This is for adding blood products and delivery to our operation. The grant funding will be approximately \$2.56 Million. Commissioner Thornberry clarified this was for funding equipment and personnel to carry and deploy blood products but would not interfere with our current operations. We will be notified sometime in September if we were awarded the grant.
- Senator Visit: Last week Chief Drone met with Senator Cortes's office. They want to better understand our

needs. They are going to visit Fire District 3 on July 16th. They would like to look at our operation and better understand our needs especially as it pertains to our Stations. Senator Adrian Cortes, Senator Yasmin Trudeau, and David Bremer, Senior Fiscal Analyst for the Senate Ways & Means Committee will be participating.

Executive Session: None

RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and (d) to discuss facilities funding strategy.

Meeting Schedule

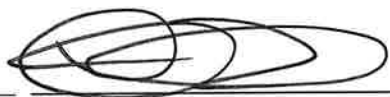
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| • Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | Station 31 | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |
| • Wednesday, June 24, 2026 | Station 31 | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |

Adjournment: 18:10


Fire Commissioner Jon Couture


Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry


Fire Commissioner Shane Bowman


Fire Chief Chris Drone