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REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2025

Chair Holm called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39th Ave SE Suite #120 Puyallup, WA 98374 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chair Holm, Vice Chair Stringfellow, Commissioners Willis, Mitchell, and Berdan, Chair Homan, Commissioners McAfee, Estes, and Samuelsen, Chair Bellerive, Vice Chair Palombi, Commissioners Buttz, Dannat, and Gorder, Ex-Officio Door, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, and SS McInnis, Recorder. Vice Chair Barstow joined the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY

A. Excused Absences: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Homan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Samuelsen moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the agenda, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

None.

5. JOINT BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A. Joint Board Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2025

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2025, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: ***Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*** (Single Motion)

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 62928 to 62982 totaling:	$	1,340,217.33
GRAND TOTAL	$	**1,340,217.33**

Vice Chair Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Berdan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Samuelsen reported that the upcoming legislative short session will be held from January 12 through March 12. He met with DC VanKeulen to discuss Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and to gain a better understanding of the related information. The process will be similar to last year, with a packet being prepared and meetings scheduled with the legislative group. Legislative Day is scheduled for January 29th.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BOD 4.48 Public Access to Fire Stations & District Facilities

DC VanKeulen presented Board Policy 4.48 – Public Access to Fire Stations and District Facilities for its second reading. Since the first reading, a legal review of the policy has been completed, and the attorney's opinion was shared with the Board. Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve Board Policy 4.48 – Public Access to Fire Stations and District Facilities. **MOTION CARRIED**.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 25-06 2025 Year-End Budget Amendment

FD Robacker presented Resolution 25-06 Year End Budget Amendment for first reading.

B. Resolution 25-07 Retiree Medical Benefit

Chief Morrow presented Resolution 25-07 Retiree Medical Benefit for first reading. Questions and comments will be received for the next two weeks.

10. 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION I

FD Robacker reviewed year-end 2025 projections for all three Districts.

11. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

A. 2026 Retirement Notices

Chief Morrow presented the current list of individuals who have submitted for retirement in 2026, for Board awareness.

B. SOG Update Discussion

Chief Morrow provided an update to the Board regarding several SOGs that have been aligned with the intent of the labor contract with L726. Staff have focused on ensuring consistency across the related policies. Four SOGs will be presented for review and discussion at the Special Meeting on November 3rd.

12. STAFF, LOCAL, FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION and FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

A. Finance Directorate/Director Robacker: Director Robacker reviewed the Finance Directorate Report.

B. Business Services Directorate/DC Berdan: DC Berdan reviewed the Business Services Directorate Report.

C. Executive Services Directorate/Director Roberts: Director Roberts reviewed the Executive Services Directorate Report.

D. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief's Report.

E. Local 726 Report: President James reported that approximately 60 members attended the recent financial workshop. He also provided a reminder of the upcoming Gala Dinner on November 22nd.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Holm expressed his appreciation for the correspondence received from members of the public and acknowledged the recognition of the District's efforts, going above and beyond expectations.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat shared a photo that received 2nd place at the recent Commissioner Conference, and noted that the conference was very informative.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen thanked staff and expressed appreciation for being able to attend the recent Commissioner Conference.

Commissioner Berdan – Commissioner Berdan noted that he will attend the Special Meeting on November 3rd remotely.

Commissioner Gorder – Commented that the recent Commissioner Conference was excellent and shared that he heard positive feedback about Chief Morrow from several attendees.

Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell extended appreciation to Chair Bellerive and Commissioner Samuelsen for their assistance after his vehicle broke down.

Vice Chair Stringfellow – Expressed frustration regarding a recent incident in which a citizen drove into a parked apparatus blocking an emergency scene. He suggested that state agencies support legislative changes to penalize similar occurrences.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee echoed Vice Chair Stringfellow's concerns and inquired about the GFR Capital Facilities Plan. She also asked staff to create a major incident notification system for Commissioners.

Chair Bellerive – Chair Bellerive thanked FD Robacker for sharing financial information.

Chair Homan – Thanked FD Robacker, noting appreciation for her patience with all questions. Chair Homan also acknowledged that while Chief Morrow is following policy by sharing directly with Chairs, he could improve with his role of disseminating the information to other Board members.

Ex-Officio Door – Ex-Officio Door expressed regret at missing the Commissioner Conference.

Chair Holm – Chair Holm reminded the Board about the Special Meeting next Monday.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Matthew Holm
Chair of the Board, CPFR

Tanya Robacker
District Secretary, CPFR

Robert L. Homan
Chair of the Board, GFR

Sandi Roberts
District Secretary, GFR

Jason Bellerive
Chair of the Board, OVFR

Tanya Robacker
District Secretary, CPFR on behalf of OVFR

Erika McInnis
Recorder

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