

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING  
March 10, 2025**

Chair Holm called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Suite #120, Puyallup, WA 98374, at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chair Holm, Vice Chair Stringfellow, Commissioners Mitchell and Willis, Commissioners Estes, McAfee, and Samuelson, Chair Bellerive, Commissioners Dannat, and Gorder, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, Director Washo, Deputy Director Kemp, and SS McInnis, Recorder. Ex-Officio Door arrived at 6:11p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY**

- A. Excused Absences: Chair Homan, Vice Chair Barstow, Vice Chair Palombi, and Commissioner Buttz.
- B. Vacancy: Commissioner Position 3

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the agenda, amending page 90. The Agenda was approved as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

No Public Comment.

**5. JOINT BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes: Joint Board Meeting of February 24, 2025.

Commissioner Dannat moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve the Joint Board Consent Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA: CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE**

- A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 61881 to 61960 totaling:	\$ 16,427,316.68
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 108314 to 108320	\$ 4,345.96
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,431,662.64</b>

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

**7. CONSENT AGENDA: ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE**

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 13474 totaling:	\$	222.60
Expense to Payroll Transfer Request totaling:		128.83
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>351.43</b>

Chair Bellerive moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA: GRAHAM FIRE & RESECUE (Single Motion)**

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 01555 to 01562 totaling:	\$	21,410.08
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 100979 to 100986 totaling:	\$	56,545.33
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,955.41</b>

Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Estes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Graham Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Samuelsen reported that things are progressing as expected. Some items are still in committee or moving into the rules process. There are no major updates at this time. The legislative website can be used to track progress.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Board Policy Discussion

- **Presented to:** *The Joint Board*

Chief Morrow discussed the recently completed revisions to Board Policy 3.03 and the Board Policy Manual. Seeking board concurrence, he emphasized that Policy 3.03 establishes a foundation for collaborative work and suggested pausing new policy revisions until January 2026, except for those deemed necessary. The Joint Board agreed to this approach.

**12. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS**

## A. 2024 Budget Reappropriation to 2025

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker reviewed the 2024 Budget Reappropriation to 2025. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded to amend the 2025 Budget for CPFR and reappropriate \$55,372 from beginning cash in Fund 015 ERF for the FM24-01 and UV24-01 vehicles. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## B. South Pierce Fire &amp; Rescue DTEN Agreement

- **Presented to:** *The Joint Board*

Chief Morrow presented the South Pierce Fire & Rescue DTEN Agreement. Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the Fire Chief to sign and execute the DTEN Network Use Agreement with South Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## C. South Pierce Fire &amp; Rescue Contract Extension

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow presented the South Pierce Fire & Rescue Contract Extension. Vice Chair Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Fire Chief to draft, present to South Pierce Fire & Rescue, and execute a two-month extension of the current Administrative Services Agreement between the District and South Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

## A. Emergency Services Directorate/Deputy Chief VanKeulen:

DC VanKeulen reviewed the Emergency Services Directorate Report.

## B. Performance Directorate/Deputy Chief Jackson:

DC Jackson reviewed the Performance Directorate Report.

## C. Human Resources Directorate/HR Director Washo:

Director Washo reviewed the Human Resources Directorate Report.

## D. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow:

Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief's Report.

## E. Local 726 Report:

President James announced that the district has billboards up on Meridian in preparation for the April election. He also invited staff and Commissioners to an election party at the Union Hall on April 22nd at 4:00 PM. A group of L726 members recently visited Washington, D.C., to advocate on behalf of the membership. Additionally, Brother Nate Lewis will be attending the upcoming Political Training Academy at IAFF Headquarters. Lastly, former Central Pierce Fire & Rescue member Brian Albert Annis-Levings, will be honored at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, CO, this September.

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank-You Letter – Rhone
- B. Employee Recognition – McWhirter
- C. Employee Recognition – Bone
- D. Employee Recognition – Lombardo

Chair Holm expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in taking the time to recognize and highlight their coworkers. He acknowledged that these contributions help foster a culture of appreciation, teamwork, and camaraderie within the organization.

#### 15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Commissioner Gorder** – Commissioner Gorder stated that while he has some concerns, he is confident that the District will successfully navigate them.

**Commissioner Samuelsen** – Commissioner Samuelsen expressed appreciation for Director Robacker's diligence in managing the District's finances and responding to inquiries. He commended the team for staying proactive.

**Commissioner Estes** – Commissioner Estes reiterated his initial concerns regarding the District's efforts to publicize the upcoming vote. However, he affirmed that every possible effort is being made and expressed gratitude to those working to ensure the merger's success. He also extended his appreciation to staff and community members in attendance.

**Commissioner McAfee** – Commissioner McAfee shared her appreciation for a recent 911 call in which District crews and PPD officers assisted an out-of-town family by safely walking two horses to the fairgrounds. She remarked that "stuff like that makes your heart feel good" and stated her pride in representing the District.

**Commissioner Mitchell** – Commissioner Mitchell recognized and expressed gratitude for Rich Coleman's service to the community. He also commended the well-organized retirement event held in his honor last Saturday.

**Commissioner Willis** – Commissioner Willis noted his satisfaction with the high participation rate in the District's optional health screenings. He further stated his support should the District choose to implement mandatory health screenings.

**Vice Chair Stringfellow** – Vice Chair Stringfellow formally requested to be excused from the next two meetings.

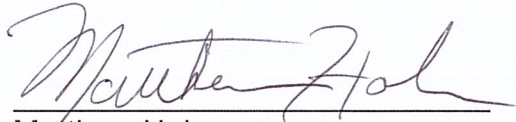
**Chair Holm** – Chair Holm thanked those who attended NW Leadership, highlighting the value of the event. He also thanked Local 726 for their hard work. Additionally, he recognized the Public Education team for their effective social media outreach, acknowledging that not all efforts are always visible but are nonetheless impactful. Chair Holm concluded by expressing pride in being a member of the Department and commended the Chief for effectively

engaging with the community throughout the merger process. He emphasized the importance of ongoing community outreach and thanked all involved.

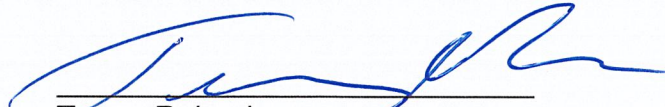
**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

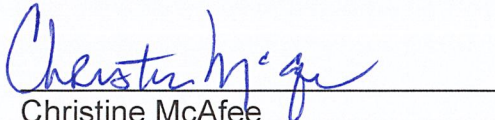
The meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.



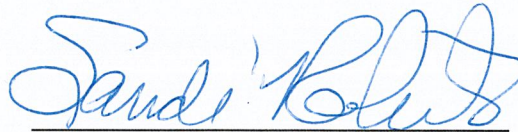
Matthew Holm  
Chair of the Board, CPFR



Tanya Robacker  
District Secretary, CPFR



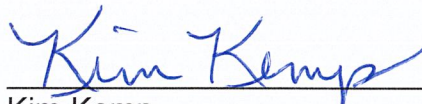
Christine McAfee  
Commissioner, GFR



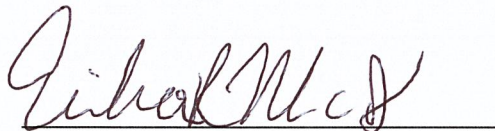
Sandi Roberts  
District Secretary, GFR



Jason Bellerive  
Chair of the Board, OVFR



Kim Kemp  
District Secretary, OVFR



Erika McInnis  
Recorder