

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING  
May 12, 2025**

Chair Homan 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, Chair Homan, Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioners Estes, McAfee, and Samuelsen, Chair Bellerive, Vice Chair Palombi, Commissioners Dannat and Gorder, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, Deputy Director Kemp, and SS McInnis, Recorder.

**1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY**

A. Excused Absences: Commissioner Buttz and Ex-Officio Door

B. Vacancy: Commissioner Position 3

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Homan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Vice Chair Barstow 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 April 28, 2025

Commissioner Samuelsen moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2025 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA: CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE (Single Motion)**

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 62216 to 62292 totaling:	\$ 12,600,257.32
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 108330 to 108336	4,154.49
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,604,411.81</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 (Single Motion)****A. Approval of:**

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 13477 to 13478 totaling:	\$	2,174.99
Expense to Payroll Transfer Request:	\$	253.83
Expense to GO Bond Fund Transfer Request	\$	15,435.60
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,864.42</b>

Chair Bellerive moved and Vice Chair Palombi 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 36513 to 36514 totaling:	\$	10,871.03
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36515 totaling:	\$	4,921.27
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36516 to 36521	\$	19,301.25
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36522 to 36526	\$	49,792.68
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 100989 to 100990 totaling:	\$	36,359.79
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,246.02</b>

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

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES****A. Budget/Finance/Audit**

Commissioner Samuelsen provided an update on the review with the State Auditors regarding the Graham Fire & Rescue 2022 and 2023 budgets. The next audit, covering the 2024 fiscal year, will begin in the fall.

**B. Legislative Committee**

Commissioner Samuelsen provided the final legislative update of the year. The legislative session concluded on April 27th, and the operating budget has been sent to Governor Ferguson. Commissioner Samuelsen extended appreciation to everyone who contributed and supported these efforts.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS****A. Resolution 25-02 – Concurrent Resolution Declaring Merger**

Director Roberts presented Resolution 25-02 Concurrent Resolution declaring the merger of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue effective January 1, 2026.

Chair Holm moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to waive the second reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**



Vice Chair Barstow moved and Commissioner Estes seconded to approve the Concurrent Resolution Declaring Merger, declaring the merger of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue effective January 1, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 12. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

None

## 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 shared that two community members attend the Fire Ops 101 event in Boise. This event offers participants a hands-on experience of a day in the life of a firefighter, giving them valuable insight into the demands and responsibilities of the profession. He also acknowledged the adaptability and positive attitude of members recently reassigned to different shifts, commending their professionalism and flexibility.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

A. – F. Employee Recognition Letters

Chair Homan expressed appreciation for the continued dedication of personnel, noting how meaningful it is to see individuals consistently go above and beyond, and to have that recognized by their supervisors. He emphasized how the use of the new purpose and ethos is clearly being embraced, adding that it makes him feel proud and reinforces the strength of the organization.

## 15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Chair Bellerive-** Welcome back to Vice Chair Palombi. A reminder that the Buckley Eagles will be hosting a benefit event for the Palombi Family Farm on May 24th.

**Vice Chair Palombi-** It's good to be back. I truly appreciate all of the support. Thank you for having me and for your continued encouragement.

**Commissioner Dannat-** It's so good to see Vice Chair Palombi. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. These are exciting times.

**Commissioner Gorder-** Welcome back Vice Chair Palombi. Thanks to all, this has been a long road but it's been worth it.

**Commissioner Samuelsen-** Thanks to Director Roberts and Commissioner McAfee for attending the audit meeting.

**Commissioner Estes:** I'm excited to hear about the development of our DNR and wildland programs. Also, wonderful to hear how enthusiastic the new recruits are to be part of our organization. Welcome back, Vice Chair Palombi.

**Commissioner McAfee:** Welcome back, Vice Chair Palombi. Thank you to our staff and administration for continuing to provide outstanding service to our community. I appreciate all your efforts.

**Vice Chair Barstow:** Thank you to everyone. I'm looking forward to the merger. Welcome back, Vice Chair Palombi.

**Chair Holm:** At the recent Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting, a policy regarding phones and cameras within station access points was discussed. It's great to see Vice Chair Palombi.

**Vice Chair Stringfellow:** Vice Chair Stringfellow presented Chief Morrow with a meaningful gift from his recent travels.

**Commissioner Willis:** I'm glad to see the merger moving forward. We've been hoping for this for a long time, and it's a major step.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** We're incredibly fortunate to attract such high-caliber individuals. That says a lot about our organization. Thank you to everyone for helping pass the merger. It's also great to have Vice Chair Palombi back, we're very glad.

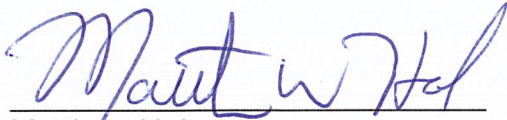
**Chair Homan:** Commissioner conferences are a great opportunity for relationship-building and having important conversations outside of formal settings. I'm looking forward to the E41 graduation on June 5th. It's great to see you, Vice Chair Palombi, I look forward to working together.

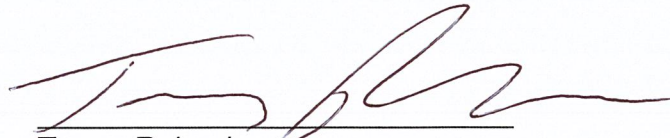
## 16. ADJOURNMENT

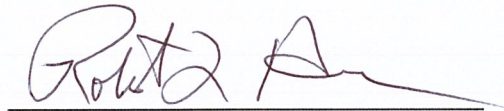
There being no further business, Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

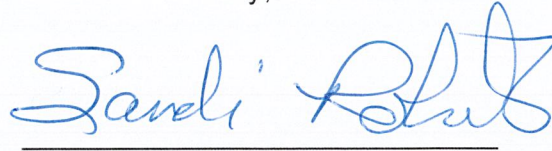
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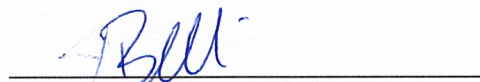


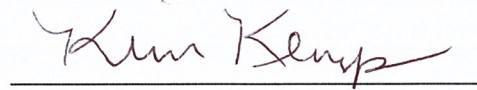
  
Matthew Holm  
Chair of the Board, CPFR

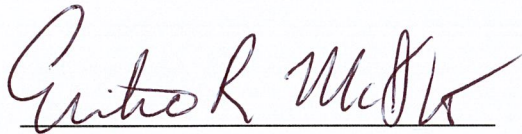
  
Tanya Robacker  
District Secretary, CPFR

  
Robert L. Homan  
Chair of the Board, GFR

  
Sandi Roberts  
District Secretary, GFR

  
Jason Bellerive  
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Kim Kemp  
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