

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING
November 24, 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, Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioners McAfee, Estes, and Samuelsen, Chair Bellerive, Vice Chair Palombi, Commissioners Buttz, Dannat, and Gorder, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, and SS McInnis, Recorder.

1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY

A. Excused Absences: Ex-Officio Door

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Buttz moved and Vice Chair Palombi 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 November 10, 2025

B. Special Joint Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025

Chair Homan moved and Vice Chair Palombi seconded to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2025 and November 17, 2025, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 63032 to 63094 totaling:	\$	712,095.73
Accounts Payable Warrant Reversal Numbered 60896	\$	(112.87)
Accounts Payable Warrant Reversal Numbered 62582	\$	(189.94)
GRAND TOTAL	\$	711,792.92

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

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Samuelson reported there is work being done behind the scenes. The committee has 2 meetings scheduled ahead of Legislative Day, and two meetings scheduled with legislators.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 BUDGET

A. Chair Opens Public Hearing

B. 2026 Budget Presentation

Director Robacker presented the 2026 Budget. The Board requested further review of the Transfers, with Facilities Fund discussions anticipated at the December 8th meeting. Fund Management Policy will be reviewed for all reserves in January 2026.

C. Public Comment

D. Chair Closes Public Hearing

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. OVFR Resolution 2025-004 2026 Regular Levy

- **Presented to:** *Orting Valley Fire & Rescue*

Deputy Director Kemp presented Resolution 2025-004 2026 Regular Levy. Commissioner Buttz moved and Vice Chair Palombi seconded to approve OVFR Resolution 2025-004 establishing the regular levy at \$1.00 statutory max. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. OVFR Resolution 2025-005 2026 EMS Levy

- **Presented to:** *Orting Valley Fire & Rescue*

Deputy Director Kemp presented Resolution 2025-005 2026 EMS Levy. Commissioner Buttz moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve OVFR Resolution 2025-005 establishing the 2026 EMS Levy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. OVFR Resolution 2025-006 2026 Fire Benefit Charge

- **Presented to:** *Orting Valley Fire & Rescue*

Deputy Director Kemp presented Resolution 2025-006 2026 Fire Benefit Charge. Chair Bellerive moved and Vice Chair Palombi seconded to approve OVFR Resolution 2025-006 setting the Fire Benefit Charge at \$3,383,659 gross collections for 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. GFR Resolution #1012 2026 Regular Levy

- **Presented to:** *Graham Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts presented Resolution #1012 2026 Regular Levy. Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Estes seconded to approve GFR Resolution #1012 establishing the regular levy at \$1.00 statutory max. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. GFR Resolution #1013 2026 EMS Levy

- **Presented to:** *Graham Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts presented Resolution #1013 2026 EMS Levy. Commissioner Estes moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve GFR Resolution #1013 establishing the 2026 EMS Levy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. GFR Resolution #1014 2026 Fire Benefit Charge

- **Presented to:** *Graham Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts presented Resolution #1014 2026 Fire Benefit Charge. Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to approve GFR Resolution #1014 setting the Fire Benefit Charge at \$13,236,175 gross collections for 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. CPFR Resolution 25-08 2026 Regular Levy

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

Director Robacker presented Resolution 25-08 2026 Regular Levy. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded to approve CPFR Resolution 25-08 establishing the regular levy at \$1.00 statutory max. **MOTION CARRIED.**

H. CPFR Resolution 25-09 2026 EMS Levy

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

Director Robacker presented Resolution 25-09 2026 EMS Levy. Vice Chair Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve CPFR Resolution 25-09 establishing the EMS Levy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

I. CPFR Resolution 25-10 2026 Fire Benefit Charge

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

Director Robacker presented Resolution 25-10 2026 Fire Benefit Charge. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Berdan seconded to approve CPFR Resolution 25-10 setting the FBC at \$49,869,835 gross collections for 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Joint OVFR, GFR & CPFR Resolution 25-11 2026 Budget & CPFR Levy Certification

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

Director Robacker presented Joint Board Resolution 25-11 2026 Budget & CPFR Levy Certification. Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Estes seconded to approve Joint Resolution 25-11 adopting the 2026 District Budget at \$246,421,357, appropriating budgets at the fund level and establishing a CPFR certification for Pierce County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

None.

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 thanked staff for attending the Holiday Gala, where over \$92,000 was raised. He also provided an update on a recent health conference he attended.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Holm appreciated the letters about staff.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen reminded the Joint Board about the upcoming PC Fire Chiefs and Commissioners Banquet in January.

Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell noted he had nothing to say at this time.

Commissioner Buttz – Commissioner Buttz thanked staff for their presentations and noted appreciation for the budget.

Vice Chair Barstow – Vice Chair Barstow thanked Director Robacker and all involved in preparing the budget. He noted the significant amount of work completed and the work still ahead, especially with policies.

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat thanked Director Robacker and all staff who contributed. She commented on the large amount of information presented and that it felt overwhelming.

Commissioner Berdan – Commissioner Berdan stated that he has enjoyed the past six months.

Commissioner Estes – Commissioner Estes stated "A big ditto" to the sentiments noted before him.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee requested that the Emergency Management Director attend meetings occasionally. She stated that having only one week to review the budget was not enough time and that she would like to see the budget start earlier next year. She added that the policies being adopted will be a benefit. She also noted that she, Commissioner Samuelsen and Director Roberts participated in an entrance exam today.

Vice Chair Palombi – Vice Chair Palombi thanked the Joint Board and noted that he will likely attend the next meeting remotely.

Commissioner Gorder – Commissioner Gorder expressed his thanks to Chief Morrow.

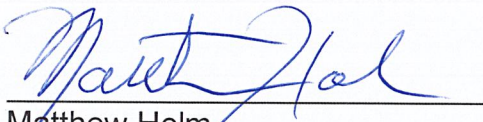
Chair Bellerive – Chair Bellerive thanked everyone and noted that the Board has made some steps forward.

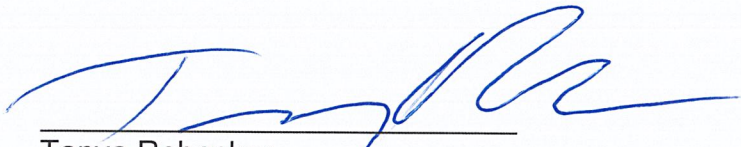
Chair Homan – Chair Homan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

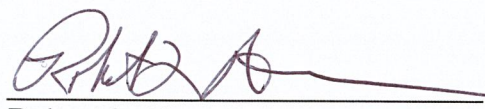
15. ADJOURNMENT

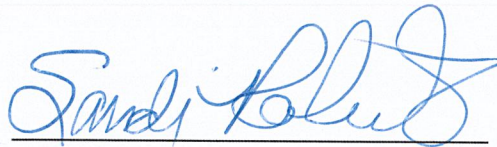
There being no further business, Vice Chair Palombi moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

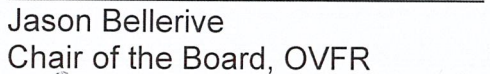
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Matthew Holm
Chair of the Board, CPFR

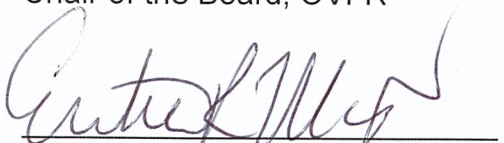

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