

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 12, 2026**

Chair Homan 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: Commissioners Barstow, Bellerive, Buttz, Caverly, Dannat, Estes, Gorder, Holm, McAfee, Mitchell, Samuelson, and Stringfellow, Chief Morrow, Director Roberts, and EA McInnis, Recorder.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call – Director Roberts conducted roll call in Director Robacker's absence.
 - i. Excused Absences: Palombi

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Homan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Roberts distributed written ballots to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of electing two Co-Chair positions. The ballots were collected and tallied in accordance with established procedures.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Caverly moved to amend the agenda. The motion to amend failed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Joint Board Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2025

- B. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 63211 to 63267 totaling:	\$	11,691,891.82
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 108483 to 108491	\$	9,579.23
Transfer from Transfer Revenue Fund to General Fund (GFR) Numbered 2303	\$	67,612.96
Transfer from Interim Revenue Fund to General Fund (GFR) Numbered 1152	\$	1,517,593.24
Accounts Payable Warrants (GFR) Numbered 36582-36590	\$	18,691.57
Net Payroll Warrants (GFR) Numbered 100999	\$	62,050.29
GRAND TOTAL	\$	13,367,419.11

Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Samuelsen reported that the legislative session began today. The District currently has meetings scheduled with four Senators and three Representatives on Legislative Day. A hearing on HB 2203, Interference with Emergency Operations, is scheduled for tomorrow. Legislative Committee Meeting No. 2 will be held on January 26th at 4:00 p.m. Additional bills are under review and will be monitored.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

A. District Facilities Maintenance Presentation

Deputy Chief Berdan presented the Board with the building maintenance projects planned for completion in 2026.

B. Revisions to Board Policies 3.40, 3.41, and 3.45

Director Washo presented Policies 3.40, 3.41, and 3.45. The Board requested additional information regarding domestic partnerships and bereavement. Director Washo will return with the requested information at an upcoming meeting.

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

A. Emergency Services Directorate/Chief Morrow:

Chief Morrow 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 presented the Fire Chief's Report. During discussion, Commissioner Caverly expressed a preference for smaller committee workgroups. A consensus poll was taken, with three in favor and ten opposed.

E. Local 726 Report: President James noted the union's newly seated officers and extended New Year's greetings to the Board.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Employee Recognition Letter & Commendation Letter

Chair Homan expressed appreciation for the letters and congratulated those recognized for their great work.

13. CO-CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS

Director Roberts announced that Matt Holm and Russell Barstow were elected Co-Chairs.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mitchell - Commissioner Mitchell extended New Year greetings and noted well wishes for Director Robacker's recovery.

Commissioner Estes – Commissioner Estes expressed appreciation for the dialogue and thanked staff. He also extended well wishes for Director Robacker and New Year greetings to all.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee concurred with the prior comments.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen announced the Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting scheduled for January 22 at South Sound 911 and a February meeting here at the Administrative Operations Center.

Co-Chair Barstow – Co-Chair Barstow thanked staff and the Board for their work and extended well wishes for Director Robacker's recovery.

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat reminded the Board of the upcoming Pierce County Commissioner banquet and extended New Year greetings.

Commissioner Caverly – Commissioner Caverly expressed appreciation for staff and crews involved in recent incidents, including an MCI response, and requested information regarding membership in the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association and the Pierce County Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Buttz – Commissioner Buttz encouraged open discussion among Commissioners and extended well wishes for Director Robacker's recovery.

Commissioner Stringfellow – Commissioner Stringfellow extended well wishes for Director Robacker's recovery.

Commissioner Bellerive – Commissioner Bellerive extended well wishes for Director Robacker's recovery.

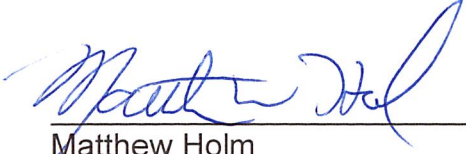
Co-Chair Holm – Co-Chair Holm expressed concern regarding Director Robacker and extended well wishes for her full recovery.

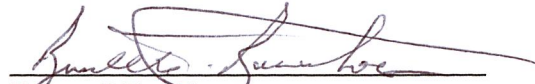
Chair Homan – Chair Homan reminded the board that F-1 and C-4 post-election forms are due by April, congratulated the newly elected Co-Chairs, and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Co-Chair.

15. ADJOURNMENT

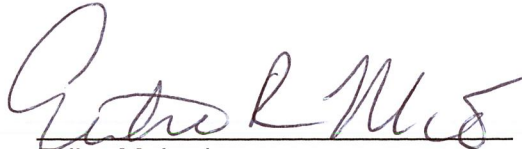
There being no further business, Commissioner McAfee moved, and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.



Matthew Holm
Co-Chair of the Board

Russell Barstow
Co-Chair of the Board

Sandi Roberts
Interim District Secretary

Erika McInnis
Recorder