

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held on January 20, 2026, at Headquarters Station 28, commencing at 5:05 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, either in person or via GoToMeeting, were Commissioners Chris Elwell, Mike Ziegler and Robert Lawson, Fire Chief Jason Gay, Assistant Chief (AC) Ray Desmarais, AC Wayne Metz, Finance Manager Charles Chen and District Secretary Eric Quinn, in addition to several others as reflected on the attached attendance roster.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.** Chair Elwell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL.** The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Presentations.

- AC Metz presented the call-summary report. He indicated that the District has had 623 calls this year. He further discussed calls of note, one of which included a shooting.

Announcements.

- March 4-6 will be the Northwest Leadership Seminar in Portland, Oregon. The individual cost for attendance will be \$395.
- Chief Gay reminded the Commissioners to file Form F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commissioner by April 15, 2026.

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were none.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE.** There was none.
- VI. **I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1461 COMMENTS.** There were no comments from Local 1461.
- VII. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.** Chief Gay delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

OPERATIONAL UPDATE.

AC Metz provided the operations update. He discussed the District's involvement in training opportunities in Zone 3. He further indicated that District responders will be attending other training. He also discussed pre-academy—the District has the highest graduation rate at the Training Consortium.

FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE.

AC Desmarais had no update from fire prevention.

LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS.

Chief Gay and President Lemanu enjoyed a productive meeting yesterday evening. The District should soon have a set date for LMM meetings for this year.

FACILITIES.

Station 18 had a sewer pipe break under the apparatus bay floor, last Thursday and/or Friday. This led to a “no flush, no shower situation” for the crews. The District utilized a couple of honey buckets to make it through the weekend. Yesterday the plumbers cut up the floor and appeared to have repaired the collapsing pipe. The hole in the floor is still open pending an inspection prior to rough-in with concrete, but operations have been re-established. Chief Gay thanked the crews for their patience during this trying experience. He specifically thanked Captain Williamson from Logistics for his work to mitigate this issue.

The District hosted the COB leadership team for our weekly meeting at Station 28 today (January 20). It was a good low-level dry run for the EOC.

Lights have been ordered for the training room to replace all 10 lights. Chief Gay mentioned that the lights should be installed in approximately one month. Chair Elwell inquired about that.

There are some roof issues at Station 28. There are some supports under the HVAC mechanisms that are rotting and collapsing. To mitigate this, the District will have to open up the roof and replace the supports with trex-decking. There was also an additional roof item that needed to be addressed while the contractor is replacing the supports, which will add some additional cost. Once Chief Gay obtains a quote for the replacement/repair, he will advise the Commissioners as to steps forward.

PERSONNEL.

Chief Gay sent praise to FF Turner and FF Makowski. He heard that both individuals, when taking their most-recent JATC test, received high praise from the training Chief. He stated as such: “Way to represent your department!”

Chief Gay also commended Logistics, which was instrumental in implementing and helping coordinate the movement and scheduling of the bunker gear for annual inspection.

EVENTS.

Planning is underway for the Appreciation Banquet. Chief Gay was informed that the union is going to step in and assist Shawna with the planning and other administrative issues. The location has been established: Glen Acres Country Club. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

STRATEGIC PLANNING.

The Local would like to provide contacts /assistance with the aspect of the financial analysis report that addresses consolidation efforts. Chief Gay will send BERK the contact information the Local provides. Currently, the District is waiting on the Statement of Work (SOW) from BERK. It should align with the initial costing Chief Gay was given in an email towards the end of last year, which led to the figures the District used in the budget for 2026.

OTHER.

Finance Manager Chen submitted the District's final invoice to King County EMS for MIH funds for 2025. The amount slightly exceeded \$352,000. Chief Gay thanked Charles for his diligence to ensure the District utilizes every financial mechanism available.

Chief Gay thanked FF Crump for his help on the L&I grant and other grants.

Due to the FIFA cup 2026 happening this summer, the District is applying for a grant through the FIFA 2026 grant program. The District would like to upstaff an engine for each of the approximately six World Cup games that will be taking place in this area. The soccer matches all take place during the summer months of June and July. Chief Gay will provide an update once it becomes available.

That concluded the Chief's Report.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.

Commissioner Ziegler moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the following items:

- January 20, 2026 Chief's Report
- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the January 6, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the January 16, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- Voucher Approval for January 2026:

Expense Fund: Voucher No. 260101001 through 260101068 in the amount of \$1,814,704.47 and due for payment January 30, 2026.

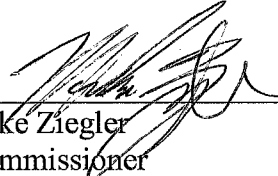
Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** There was none.
- X. **NEW BUSINESS.** There was none.
- XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** There was no need for an executive session.
- XII. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** There was no good of the order.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Commissioner Ziegler moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

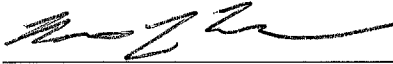
Minutes Approved: February 3, 2026



Chris Erwell
Board Chair




Mike Ziegler
Commissioner



Robert Lawson
Commissioner

ATTEST:



Eric Quinn (Feb 3, 2026 22:53:24 PST)
Eric T. Quinn, District Secretary

January 20, 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

- January 20, 2026 Chief's Report
- January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda
- Northwest Leadership Seminar Materials
- Attendance Sheet






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