

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 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 February 3, 2026, at Headquarters Station 28, commencing at 5:00 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 5:00 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. There were none.

Announcements.

- Chief Gay reminded the Commissioners to file Form F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission 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 three calls of note, one of which was an MVA with a rollover. The patient involved in that call was revived. There was also a call involving a stabbing. AC Metz also discussed a mutual-aid call.

FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE.

AC Desmarais had no update from fire prevention.

LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS ("LMM"):

Labor brought forward a discussion on PPE, specifically on extractors for bunker gear. There are two main concerns: obtaining extractors and the preventative maintenance

cycle on the machines the District possesses. The District does not carry extractors in the two North stations. There is money in the budget for this, and there may be grant funds available.

Chief Gay indicated that the PPE, progressive counseling and Uniform policies have been under Local review for some months. Administration has also delivered the Financial affairs policy for review. The parties agreed to finalize the CARES policy, and the JATC Testing/Re-testing policy.

The LMM included discussion of a Respiratory Protection Policy that the safety committee is working on. The parties agreed to set forth in greater detail the daily/monthly SCBA checks within that policy, in order that everyone is on the same page as to when and how to perform the checks.

Administration informed the Local that the Passport accountability policy is being updated, with a goal to have that completed prior to the FIFA World Cup.

A training opportunity between Port of Seattle BCs and the District was also discussed at LMM. Labor is going to reach out to their local to ensure there aren't any issues the District is unaware of. This was also discussed at the Chiefs' meeting this morning (February 3).

The next LMM is scheduled for February 12.

FACILITIES:

Chief Gay provided an update on the Station 18 sewer-pipe break. The District had the company install a sleeve in the pipe to ensure this problem doesn't present again in another section. The cost is covered by North Highline as a capital-facilities cost.

Lights for the training room are scheduled to arrive within two to three weeks.

PERSONNEL:

Regarding the Paramedic/CBT instructor position that was vacated by Paramedic Allen, the District has another paramedic that was recommended by MPD Rae to fill the position. Chief Gay spoke to the Paramedic, Raegan Stuart, and she would like to fill the position. Chief Gay has spoken with each member of the Board and he is in the process of moving forward, unless the Board has additional questions.

Members of RA21, consisting of PFF Calvin Mackinnon, Rory Cunningham, and Tyler Welch (listed by seniority), who graduated on January 27, have commenced post-academy activities. The above responders have started pulling shifts. The District is very happy with their performance.

Members of RA22, consisting of recruits Rogers, Hessler, Knoles, Rincon, and Monroe (listed by seniority), are wrapping up their two-week pre-academy activities. The responders officially start Thursday, February 5, and should graduate in 22 weeks. They are doing impressive work.

EVENTS:

Planning is still underway for the 2026 Appreciation Banquet. Administration had a meeting today and a "save the date" email should be coming out for May 2, 2026 at the Glen Acres Country Club. It promises to be a good time.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Monday, Chief Gay sent the Board the Statement of Work (SOW) from BERK regarding the annual personnel survey and the financial analysis. Both, in total, came in under budget. Chief Gay sought Board input before proceeding.

Chief Gay provided a comprehensive update to the Board on various aspects of the strategic plan, by reference to the Goals under the plan. The comprehensive update is set forth in the Chief's Report attached to these minutes.

OTHER:

The second set of bunker gear is being sent out today for its annual inspection. Last month, the District sent out the first sets and found that the turn-around time was about two weeks. Captain Williamson in Logistics is again doing a phenomenal job.

That concluded the Chief's Report.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.

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

- February 3 Chief's Report
- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

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 5:27 p.m.


Minutes Approved: February 17, 2026


Chris Etwell
Board Chair


Mike Ziegler
Commissioner


Robert Lawson
Commissioner

ATTEST:


Eric Quinn (Feb 19, 2026 11:00:33 PST)
Eric T. Quinn, District Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

- February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda
- February 3, 2026 Chief's Report

February 3, 2026






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