

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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 March 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, 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.** Commissioner Ziegler, who presided over the meeting, 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.
- September 15-17 will be the King County Fire Chiefs Association 2026 Leadership Summit, which takes place at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort.

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were none.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE.** There was none.
- VI. **I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1461 COMMENTS.** There were none.
- VII. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.** Chief Gay delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

AC Metz is attending a planning symposium. Consequently, there was no update from operations.

FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE:

AC Desmarais provided the update from fire prevention. Captain Stoess has the graphics finalized for the new "smoke house." AC Desmarais discussed inspection "hot points," and prevention received a lot of positive feedback from the crews regarding

issues to notice. He further discussed attempts at finalizing updates to Knox boxes. AC Desmarais also discussed some calls of note.

LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS (“LMM”):

The next LMM is scheduled for March 19. The local President and Chief Gay conferred and the Local did not propose additional items for discussion on March 19.

FACILITIES:

Chief Gay included a list of items for surplus, with said list attached to the Board packets. The items include out-of-service bunker gear. Chief Gay requested a motion to approve the surplus list, which will be included in the consent agenda.

Chief Gay contacted Air Exchange (Plymovent company) and the District is awaiting parts for station 28 and 29. Chief Gay learned that towards the end of February, Air Exchange anticipated beginning the upgrading process for the two northern stations, then moving south for initial install of the Plymovent systems at stations 28 and 29. The end of February has come and gone and Chief Gay hasn't heard from the company. He conveyed that the District needs an updated timeline. As soon as the District receives that information, he will advise the commissioners.

PERSONNEL:

AC Metz is at the FIFA World Cup Planning Symposium Tuesday through Thursday this week. The District should have a good idea regarding potential impacts to KING 2 upon his return. As a reminder, the District applied for a grant to allow upstaffing an engine on each of the game days as a safety buffer for our communities—should anything happen that requires Task-Force deployments. Also, Chief Gay had a meeting with the KC Department of Local Services Director on September 16 last year. He reached back out to see if that department was going to move forward with their desire to have a “Fan Zone” in White Center. The department has not made contact.

The District is currently conducting new-hire interviews. The current panel is BC Anderson, Captain Harris, FF Ready and FF Henderson. The District had 728 applicants for this hiring cycle. The District is scheduled to hire three of those applicants. There are currently five recruits in the academy.

Chief Gay commended employees that hit milestones in the month of March:

Captain Chris Reed reached 25 years of service to the District on March 15 (but he had many more years at other departments), and Captain Jamie Cissell marked his 19th year since being hired by NHFD 11 on March 1.

EVENTS:

The commissioners should have received the “Save the date” for the May 2, 2026 Appreciation Banquet at the Glen Acres Country Club.

Both ACs and Chief Gay will be attending the KC Fire Chiefs Leadership Summit this year at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, which takes place September 15-17.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

There was nothing to report under Strategic Planning.

OTHER:

The District received the Contract from Public Health for the KC EMS Levy. Chief Gay is currently reviewing the language then will follow up with each commissioner after he has digested the information. Currently, the Zone 3 Fire Chiefs had requested a change to the language but are not seeing the change reflected. Chief Gay will update the Board on this issue.

Chief Gay reported at the last meeting that the District received its final payment of the MIH portion of the King County EMS Levy for 2025. Chief Gay happily reported that NHFD has now received its final payment from the last levy in the amount of \$142,226.11.

That concluded the Chief’s Report.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.

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

- March 3, 2026 Chief’s Report
- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Approve Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations (list attached)

Commissioner Elwell 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 none.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Commissioner Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved: March 24, 2026



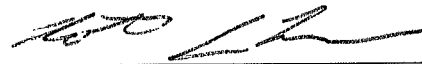
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Chris Elwell
Board Chair



Mike Ziegler (Mar 26, 2026 10:55:57 PDT)

Mike Ziegler
Commissioner



Robert Lawson
Commissioner

ATTEST:



Eric Quinn (Mar 25, 2026 11:49:29 PDT)

Eric T. Quinn, District Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

- March 3, 2026 meeting agenda
- March 3, 2026 Chief's Report
- Surplus List
- Save the Date for KCFCA Summit

March 3, 2026











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