

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2026 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held on April 7, 2026, at Headquarters Station 28, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, either in person or pursuant to virtual meeting software Microsoft Teams were Commissioners Mike Ziegler and Robert Lawson, Fire Chief Jason Gay, Assistant Chiefs Wayne Metz and Ray Desmarais, Finance Manager Charles Chen and Acting District Secretary Joseph Quinn, and several others as reflected on the attached attendance roster. The absence of Commissioner Elwell was excused.

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.** Vice Chair Ziegler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **AGENDA APPROVAL.** The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

III. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Presentations.** None.

**Announcements.** The final date for submission of PDC reports is fast approaching. The Washington State Fire Chiefs Conference in Wenatchee is coming up.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** There was none.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter was received from Local 1461 requesting bargaining for a successor collective bargaining agreement (CBA), as the current CBA expires at the end of 2026. The parties are currently discussing available dates for bargaining.

VI. **I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1461 COMMENTS.** There was none.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.** Chief Gay delivered the chief's report as follows:

**OPERATIONAL UPDATE:**

AC Metz provided the operational update. This included a commercial fire, that resulted in nine tenants being displaced. Chief Metz reported on a two-week pump academy and a new academy starting in August.

**FIRE PREVENTION UPDATE:**

AC Desmarais delivered the fire prevention report: Capt. Stoess has been working on new Training Smokehouse. Construction progress has been added to the website by way of some photos under the Gallery tab.

## **LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS (LMM):**

The next meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **FACILITIES:**

Chief Gay is staying on top of Air Exchange plans to work on the Plymovent system. On March 4, they said it would be 3-4 weeks before they could start work, and he sent them another email earlier today, but we are more or less at their mercy with respect to scheduling. They promised to keep Chief Gay posted as to when they can start work. The proposed improvements for bunker gear extractors and dryers, for Stations 18 and 19 are in the works. The dryer at Station 18 is noncompliant with the NFPA standard at this point. New lighting for the training room will be operational very soon.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

No Update

## **PERSONNEL:**

Chief Gay said the 5 recruits in Academy 22 are doing fine, as “no news is good news.” They are scheduled for evaluation #2 on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The four new recruits for Academy 23 to start in August have all signed their conditional offers of employment. We are scheduling their administration day and family night.

We have closed out nominations for Firefighter of the Year (FFOY) and (EOY and FOOY). Voting proceeds next. Chief Gay thanked all those who submitted nominations. The nominees are: for FFOY/EOY – Christina Parker, Vinh Pham, Jon Crump, Matt Ready, and Robert Lenaburg. All are high quality, hard-working, phenomenal people. He wished them all good luck.

## **EVENTS:**

The Annual Appreciation Banquet, set for May 2, 2026, will be held at the Glen Acres Country Club. Please add that to your calendars. It is a Hawaii-themed event.

The Washington Fire Chiefs Conference is set for May 18-21 in Wenatchee. Please advise as to anyone who wants to attend.

## **OTHER:**

As to Strategic Planning, the BERK representatives will be reporting their progress on the Financial Options Assessment on April 15 from 1000 to 1100. On April 29 they will report on their mid-point findings. Their personnel survey had 64 participants, which is excellent. Commissioners are welcome to come to the meeting to discuss the

BERK report. All information from these sessions will be gathered and included in the presentation to the board.

A very professional-looking Annual Report of the District is being completed, either this week or next. It is very informative but still readable by the general public. It will be shared with the board prior to our final opportunity to make changes. That concluded the Chief's Report.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.**

The commissioners unanimously approved the consent agenda, which includes the following items:

- April 7, 2026 Chief's Report
- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** There was none.

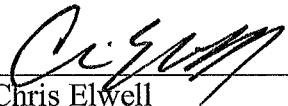
**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** There was none.


**XI. NEW BUSINESS.** There was none.

**XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER.** Commissioner Ziegler said that, regrettably, he cannot attend the Appreciation Banquet. It was noted that Commissioner Elwell will be back soon from Hawaii.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT.** Commissioner Ziegler moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried, 2-0

Minutes Approved: April 21, 2026

  
Chris Elwell  
Chairman

  
Mike Ziegler  
Commissioner

April 7, 2026



Robert Lawson (Apr 28, 2026 11:03:37 MDT)

Robert Lawson  
Commissioner

ATTEST:



Eric Quinn (Apr 21, 2026 19:23:00 PDT)

Eric T. Quinn, District Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attendance Roster
- Agenda
- Chief's Report
- Call Summary Report
- Station Report

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