



# East County Fire and Rescue

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## Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

May 19, 2026

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

### Attendance

Joshua Seeds

Brendan Addis

Martha Martin

Steve Hofmaster

Eric Holt

Chief Steve Black

Assistant Chief Jacobs

Teresa Guard

Pam Jensen

Captain John Prasch

Kevin Hawkey

Dalton Payne

Jacob Dobbins

Stephen Vera

### Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. This meeting was conducted in hybrid format to allow for in-person or video conference participation.

### Flag Salute

Commissioner Martha Martin led the flag salute.

### Agenda Adjustments

#### Consent Agenda

- Approval of May 05, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of May 05, 2026 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Addis to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

### Public Input

No comments.

### Correspondence

None.

### Staff Reports

1. Chief Black's report is in the meeting packet.
2. Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report; a copy is in the meeting packet.
3. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that there was

### Fire District Business

1. Purchase Request for State Auditor's Office (SAO) Accountability and Financial Audits, per invoice L175153 from SAO, in the amount of \$16,932.00.  
**Motion by Commissioner Hofmaster** to approve the payment for Accountability and Financial Audits in the amount of \$16,932.00, **seconded by Commissioner Addis. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Suspension of SOPs 10.7.15 Taking Photos and Videos and 50.2 Electronic Media  
**Motion by Commissioner Addis** to suspend 10.7.15 Taking Photos and Videos and 50.2 Electronic Media, **seconded by Commissioner Holt. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Adoption of SOP 1.5.1 Social Media and Imagery Policy  
**Motion by Commissioner Martin** to adopt SOP 1.5.1 Social Media and Imagery Policy, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

### Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
  - City of Camas – May 28, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Station 91.
  - City of Washougal – held May 15, 2026. Next meeting TBA.

Commissioners Seeds and Martin and Chief Black reported on the meeting with the City of Washougal, including learning that City Manager Dave Scott will be retiring.

Representatives from the city will be going to the state legislature; Chief Black asked about pursuing a line item for grants to build fire stations, as that would be something ECFR would want to pursue.

Discussion regarding CRESA starting to model AI to take calls and get them prioritized and routed.

2. Next Risk Group Meeting – TBA (July 2026).
3. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) held May 13, 2026.  
Commissioners Seeds and Martin and Chief Black attended, discussed RFA generally as well as interlocal agreement language and updates. Discussed continuing services with them if the EMS levy passes and contingency plans if it fails, as well as the lead-up to and formation of the RFA.
4. Safety Meeting – May 27, 2026 at station 91 at 7:30 PM.

### Commissioners Comments

**Commissioner Holt** – Expressed his appreciation to Pam for her fantastic work and helping the District get through the audit.

**Commissioner Addis** – Thanked the Administration for organizing the Commissioner Staff Workshop; remarked that it went well and he is looking forward to the upcoming Workshops.

**Commissioner Martin** – Agreed with Commissioner Addis regarding the recent Workshop and helpful feedback. Asked about the status of the State of the District report and if we wanted to add information about the levy.

**Commissioner Hofmaster** – Reported that he was able to see the new Water Tender earlier and it looks great.

**Commissioner Seeds** – Updated on the finished draft of the State of the District; once he has gotten feedback from the group he will make any needed changes and send it off. Plans to send an update and link, etc., to everyone once that has happened. Also noted that the State Auditor commented several times on Pam's thoroughness and professionalism and thanked her for her diligence.

### Public Input

No comments.

### Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

#### Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district's monthly event calendar.
- Next Regular Board meeting will be June 02, 2026 Station 91 at 6:30 PM, hybrid format.
- Next Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting June 04, 2026 Station 91 at 3:00 PM, hybrid format.

Both the Commissioner Staff Workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format allowing for in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website. ([www.ecfr.us](http://www.ecfr.us)).

**Executive Session**

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g): To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 PM to return at 7:40 PM.  
The Board reconvened at 7:40 PM.

Commissioner Seeds shared that the Board had a discussion regarding audit results and employee performance related to that and summarized the discussion: Finance Officer Pam Jensen has done very good work on the audit, and there was only one issue that needed to be corrected pertaining to a new standard.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Martin to adjourn at 7:42 PM, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

  
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Joshua Seeds, Chairperson

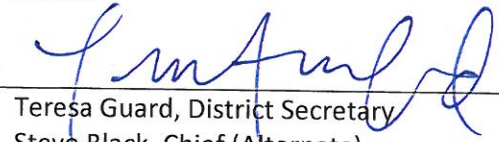
  
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Brendan Addis, Vice Chair

  
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Martha Martin, Commissioner

  
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Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

  
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Eric Holt, Commissioner

**Attest**

  
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Teresa Guard, District Secretary  
Steve Black, Chief (Alternate)

