

REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING
December 23, 2024

Chair Homan called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39th Ave SE Suite #120 Puyallup, WA 98374 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chair Holm, Vice Chair Stringfellow, Commissioners Coleman and Mitchell, Chair Homan, Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioners McAfee, Estes, and Samuelson, Chair Bellerive, Vice Chair Palombi, Commissioners Gorder, Buttz, and Dannat, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, District Secretaries Kemp and Roberts, and SS McInnis, Recorder.

1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY

A. Excused Absences: Commissioner Willis and Ex-Officio Door.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Stringfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following changes: Add item 9E (Legislative Committee), remove item 11B, move item 11C to 11A, move item 11A to 11B, add item 11F (PSA Extension – DC Mason), and remove item 15A. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

No Public Comment.

5. JOINT BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: Joint Board Meeting of December 9, 2024

Commissioner McAfee moved, and Commissioner Palombi seconded to approve the Joint Board Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (Single Motion)

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 61506 to 61567 totaling:	\$	558,796.34
GRAND TOTAL	\$	558,796.34

Chair Holm moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA: Orting Valley Fire & Rescue** (Single Motion)

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 13463 to 13464 totaling:	\$	1,746.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$	1,746.76

Chair Bellerive moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **CONSENT AGENDA: Graham Fire & Rescue** (Single Motion)

A. Approval of:

November Benefits Warrant Number 36265 totaling:	\$	283.45
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36266 to 36312 totaling:		131,400.14
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36313 totaling:		34,051.33
GRAND TOTAL	\$	165,734.92

Commissioner Samuelsen moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Graham Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Resolution 24-15 Public Records Officer Appointment – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts reviewed Resolution 24-15 Public Records Officer Appointment. Commissioner Stringfellow moved to approve Resolution 24-15 appointing the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Public Records Officer. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Resolution 24-16 2025 Board Meeting Schedule – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts reviewed Resolution 24-16 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. Chair Holm moved to approve Resolution 24-16 establishing 2025 regular joint board meetings with Graham Fire & Rescue and Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, twice per month with a start time and location as outlined. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Resolution 24-17 2024 Year End Budget Amendment – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker reviewed Resolution 24-17 2024 Year End Budget Amendment. Chair

Holm moved to approve Resolution 24-17 amending and appropriating the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$1,226,552. Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- D. Resolution 24-18 Adopting 2025 Fees, Charges, and Fines – 2nd Reading
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker reviewed Resolution 24-18 Adopting 2025 Fees, Charges, and Fines. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the 2025 Fee Schedule as outlined in Resolution 24-18. Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Samuelson discussed the 2025-27 Washington State Governor's budget proposal. In the proposal, the Governor outlined a merger of LEOFF 1 with LEOFF 2. The Legislative Committee will be tracking this budget proposal and other bills during the upcoming legislative session.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 24-19 Competitive Bid Waiver
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker presented Resolution 24-19 Competitive Bid Waiver. Vice Chair Stringfellow moved to waive the 2nd reading. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Holm moved to approve Resolution 24-19 waiving the requirement for competitive bidding for Plymovent exhaust containment and allowing purchase through Air Exchange. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. Board Policy 3.39 Property Management
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

FD Robacker presented Board Policy 3.39 Property Management for a first reading. The Board may present any questions or concerns to her for consideration over the next two weeks.

11. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

- A. 30-Years of Service – Dan Bamford

Dan Bamford has reached 30 years of service with Graham Fire & Rescue. Chief Morrow and the Board thanked him for his service, and Chief Morrow presented him with a 30-Year service pin.

- B. South Pierce Fire & Rescue EMS Transport Reciprocity Agreement
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow discussed the EMS Transport Reciprocity Agreement Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid responses. Chair Holm moved to approve the South Pierce Fire & Rescue EMS Transport Reciprocity Agreement MOU as presented by staff. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. District Furniture and Miscellaneous Surplus

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Coleman presented a list of surplus items no longer needed by the District and requested Board approval for their liquidation in accordance with policy. Chair Holm moved to approve the surplus inventory as listed. Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Retiree Medical Direction

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow provided information regarding two individuals seeking to retire from Graham Fire & Rescue. He explained that Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue utilize different processes for the escalation of medical payments after retirement and requested the Board's guidance on the matter.

Discussion:

Chair Holm inquired if this topic could be deferred to a future meeting in 2025. No further comments were made by other members of the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Board regarding this suggestion.

Chair Homan requested clarification on the differences between the two Districts' processes. Chief Morrow explained that the distinction lies in the method of escalating retiree medical payments. Chair Homan expressed support for administering the retirements in accordance with Graham Fire & Rescue's established process.

Commissioner McAfee recused herself from the discussion and decision, citing a conflict of interest. Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioner Estes, and Commissioner Samuelson voiced their preference for utilizing the Graham Fire & Rescue medical process for these retirements.

Action:

By consensus, the Board agreed to proceed with the Graham Fire & Rescue process for the two retirements in question. Chief Morrow acknowledged the Board's decision.

E. CPFR – GFR Contract Addendum

- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow presented an Addendum to the Master ILA between Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue. This addendum would provide language under the ILA to allow two members to remain employees of Graham Fire & Rescue for the duration of their careers. Commissioner Samuelson moved to approve the contract addendum

between Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue as presented by staff. Commissioner McAfee seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. PSA Extension – DC Mason – Chief Morrow

Chief Morrow recognized Deputy Chief Tom Mason for his outstanding career in the Fire Service. Chief Morrow proposed extending his Professional Services Agreement (PSA) through the end of May.

Action:

By direction of Chair Homan, the PSA for Tom Mason will be extended through the end of May.

12. STAFF, LOCAL, FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION and FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

- A. Business Services Directorate/DC Berdan: DC Berdan reviewed the Business Services Directorate Report.
- B. Executive Services Directorate/Director Roberts: Director Roberts reviewed the Executive Services Directorate Report.
- C. Fire Chief’s Report/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief’s Report.
- D. Local 726 Report: Union President James provided an update from the Union. Several members of the Executive Board were selected to attend a year-long class with a certification through IAFF to build leadership skills. Additionally, President James discussed the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Social Security Fairness Act, which affects Public-Sector Retirees.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Command and Control Training Recognition
- B. Employee Recognition - Best

Chair Homan expressed appreciation for the expertise and leadership demonstrated, noting the commendable dedication of personnel offering their service both on and off duty.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Bellerive – Chair Bellerive extended warm holiday wishes, encouraging everyone to enjoy time with their families.

Vice Chair Palombi – Vice Chair Palombi conveyed holiday greetings, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and expressed gratitude for their hard work.

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat expressed enthusiasm, stating that everything is going well and is awesome.

Commissioner Buttz – Commissioner Buttz extended Merry Christmas greetings to all.

Commissioner Gorder – Commissioner Gorder extended Merry Christmas greetings to all.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen recognized Lt. Bamford for his 30 years of dedicated service and commended Lt. Best for his off-duty lifesaving actions. Gratitude was expressed to everyone, and Merry Christmas wishes were extended.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee extended wishes for a fantastic holiday season and expressed gratitude to Deputy Chief Mason, Lieutenant Bamford, and 726 President Aaron James. Holiday greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year were conveyed, along with appreciation to Chief Morrow and his wife.

Chair Homan – Chair Homan thanked everyone for their patience during a meeting with many moving parts, acknowledging the effort involved. Appreciation was extended to Chief Morrow and the staff for their monumental work in combining three districts. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes were also conveyed.

Vice Chair Barstow – Vice Chair Barstow extended congratulations to Lt. Bamford and Firefighter Best and expressed gratitude to Deputy Chief Mason. Holiday greetings of Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas were also shared.

Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell extended Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings to all. He is looking forward to the New Year.

Vice Chair Stringfellow – Vice Chair Stringfellow expressed sincere appreciation to Local 726 President James for his updates on the Windfall Act, commending his commendable efforts on behalf of this initiative. He acknowledged the importance of these updates and expressed gratitude, stating, "Hats off to you for taking care of us." Vice Chair Stringfellow also reflected on the sadness felt for those who did not live long enough to see the initiative come to fruition.

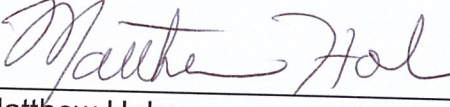
Chair Holm – Chair Holm expressed well wishes to all, encouraging everyone to enjoy their holiday time and remain safe.

Commissioner Estes – Commissioner Estes recognized Lt. Bamford and Firefighter Best for their outstanding contributions, describing them as incredible standout individuals. Appreciation was extended to Chief Mason for prioritizing duty and for his long service. He also encouraged everyone to take some well-deserved time off.

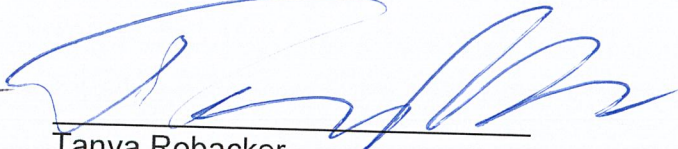
15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



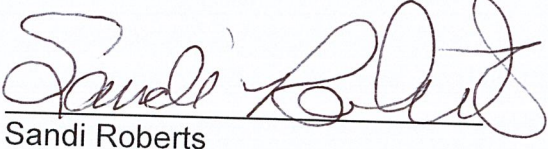
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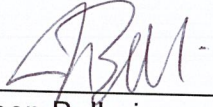
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District Secretary, CPFR

Robert Homan
Robert Homan (Jan 19, 2025 12:00 PST)

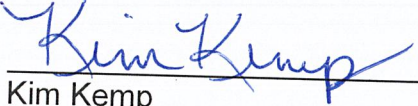
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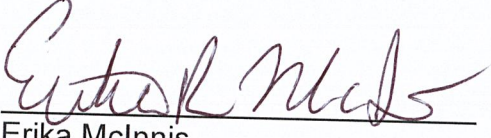
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