

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Safford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Taft, Commissioner Nordstrom, Commissioner Safford, Battalion Chief Nunemaker, Executive Assistant Linklater, 1 crew member, and 1 citizen. Chief Schmidt and Financial Director Perez attended over Teams.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Chairman Safford

**Election of Chair:**

*Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Commissioner Taft as the 2026 Chairman. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Public Input:** None

**Citizen Advisory Group:** None

**Union Input:** None

**Volunteer Input:** None.

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: December Check #'s 5266-5272 & EFTs Total: \$289,167.27
- 3) Claims: Check #'s 5273-5324 & EFTs Total: \$170,075.93

Commissioner Safford reviewed the December Invoices and caught two vendors charging D21 the incorrect tax percentage. Financial Director Perez will reach out directly to the vendors to make the correction.

*Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report was presented and reviewed. GEMT retro funds have been received. The reserve account has now reached its threshold of \$1 million.

**Old Business:**

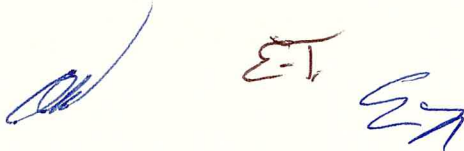
**ALS Services Update** – The Chief presented the ALS Needs Assessment to the Snohomish County Trauma Council last Wednesday. A vote on the assessment will take place at the Council's next meeting. Chief Schmidt clarified that the Needs Assessment pertains to Snohomish County as a whole and is not specific to Fire District 21. Chief Kraski presented a letter in opposition to adding another ALS License.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP)** – No update

**Waterline** – No Update

**Resolution 2025-09 Establish 2026 Regular Meeting Dates** –

*Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 Establishing the 2026 Regular Meeting Dates. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.*



**New Business:**

**Strategic Plan** – Chief Schmidt presented the updated Strategic Plan for review and discussion at the next Commissioner Meeting. Key updates include apparatus replacement planning, acquisition of a new fire engine, extension of the ALS Agreement through 2030, and facility improvements, including a new roof at Station 49 and an addition to Station 50.

**Citizen Donation** – A District 21 community member recently made a generous donation of \$300.00 to the Fire District in memory of her late husband. The Board expressed its appreciation for this thoughtful contribution. The funds will be used to support needs at Station 50.

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- **Apparatus Report** – Tender 50 experienced extended downtime due to outdated computer equipment. Battalion Chief Nunemaker and Firefighter/Engineer Engle played key roles in resolving the issue. The pre-inspection for the new engine is currently being scheduled for February. Lieutenant Bates will research options for purchasing a new or refurbished ambulance.
- **Equipment** - None
- **Grants** – No Update
- **2025 Call Volume** – Battalion Chief Nunemaker presented the 2025 call volume report. The District is averaging 108 calls per month. Ambulance 49 responded to 472 calls, resulting in 230 transports, and Ambulance 50 responded to 596 calls, resulting in 238 transports. Engine 49 and Engine 50 each responded to approximately 250 calls. There have been 107 ALS calls year to date.

**Commissioner Reports** – None.

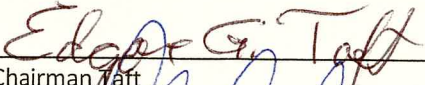
**Executive Session** – None needed

**Announcements:**

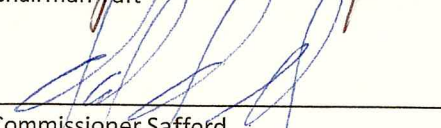
- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 50.

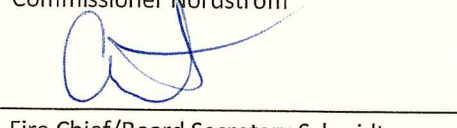
**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

  
Chairman /aft

  
Commissioner Nordstrom

  
Commissioner Safford

  
Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt