

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

@ Station 50

Call to Order: Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Taft, Commissioner Safford, Chief Schmidt, Battalion Chief Nunemaker, Executive Assistant Linklater, Finance Director Perez, 1 crew member, and 4 citizens.

Flag Salute: Led by Battalion Chief Nunemaker

Snohomish County EMS Council: Commissioner Mills from the Snohomish County EMS Council shared the support and resources the programs offer to all Snohomish County Fire District's and RFA's.

Fire Commissioner Candidates Presentations: Steve Meyers and Ken Johnson both gave a presentation to why they would be a valuable Fire Commissioner to District 21.

Public Input: Arlington Heights Improvement Club appreciates the D21 Firefighters' participation in the Easter Egg Hunt. Would love a Firefighter v.s. Police game or something similar to be coordinated.

Citizen Advisory Group: Currently, three active members.

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from March 16th, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: March Check #'s 5407-5413 & EFTs Total: \$282,802.03
- 3) Claims: Check #'s 5414-5454 and EFTs Total: \$148,984.12

Discussed the reason for the extraction tool needs with the Commissioners. The District received some timber funds that can go towards purchasing this equipment. The Commissioners approved the purchase.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3 and the purchase of extraction equipment. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented and reviewed. The budget remains on track for the first quarter. The District received \$49,000 in timber funds, which will be allocated to the equipment budget. FEMA remains closed, preventing reimbursement for the new Tender Engine and delaying SAFER Grant funding. True North has extended the payment deadline for the new Tender Engine through May 15, 2026, with no interest accrued.

Old Business:

ALS Services Update – Chief Schmidt discussed that due to issues with the new Snohomish County Trauma Council's updated bylaws, a vote was not taken to add one more ALS License to the Snohomish County. Will go to vote during the June meeting. ALS services are going very well with North County Regional Fire Authority. District 21 is not seeking to establish a standalone ALS unit; however, the District would like District 21 paramedics to be authorized to provide ALS services while working overtime shifts at Station 49 or Station 50.

Policy 200-009 – Uniform and Grooming: A Uniform Committee will be established to develop and outline uniform specifications.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Policy 200-009 Uniform and Grooming Standards. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Executive Session: The Board recessed at 7:55 p.m. and went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office per RCW 42.30.110(h). It was expected to last until 8:15 p.m. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. with no action taken and returned to regular session.

New Commissioner Appointment: Chairman Taft stated that, due to having two highly qualified candidates for the Fire Commissioner position and being unable to reach a final selection, a coin toss was conducted to determine the appointment. Chief Schmidt administered the coin toss, and Mr. Meyers selected tails. The coin landed on heads, resulting in the appointment of Ken Johnson to complete Commissioner Eric Nordstrom's term through November 2027.

Oath of Office: Chairman Taft swore in Commissioner Ken Johnson as the newly appointed Fire Commissioner to finish out the remainder of Commissioner Nordstrom's term through November 2027.

New Business:

Review Roof Replacement Bids for Station 49: Three bids were received for the replacement of the roof at Station 49. Commissioners requested additional information prior to making a decision, including: (1) whether the HVAC units would need to be removed during the project and the reasons why or why not, and (2) the projected timeframe for completion of the project and the estimated number of workers required to complete the roof replacement.

Policy 200-010 – Authorized Use Policy for Department-Issued PPE: New Policy outlining rules and requirement for when D21 Firefighters borrow PPE for outside training and education event purposes.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Policy 200-100 Authorized Use Policy for Department-Issued PPE. Chairman Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- **Apparatus Report** – Would like to donate or sell the 2011 Ford Ambulance that the District purchased from Tulalip Bay Fire to Support 46 for firefighter support.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the sale of the 2011 Ford Ambulance for \$1 to Support 46 to be used for firefighter support. Commissioner Johnson seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- **Equipment** - New extraction equipment at Station 50.
- **Yodeck** – The District subscribed to Yodeck to enhance internal communication between Stations 49 and 50 and the Administration Office. The platform will be used to share training schedules, educational opportunities, family news, events, and other important district information.
- **Station 50 Front Sign** – Currently working to identify an installer for the front sign at Station 50.
- **Station 50 Flag Pole** - Will work with Chairman Taft to deliver the pole to Station 50 and placement.
- **Grants** – FEMA remains shut down.
- **Call Volume** – BC Nunemaker reported that the District has responded to 317 calls year-to-date. Apparatus 49 has responded to 149 calls, while Apparatus 50 has responded to 137 calls year-to-date. The District also responded to three fires within the past month.

Commissioner Reports –

- Sno-Isle May Fire Commissioner BBQ will be held on May 7th, 2026. Fire Chief, BC Chief, and Commissioners plan to attend.

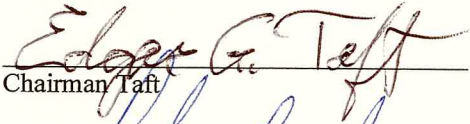
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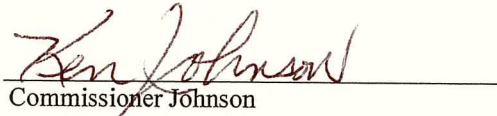
- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at AHIC.
- Sno-Isle May Fire Commissioner BBQ - May 7th, 2026, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Station 51.



Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Chairman Taft


Commissioner Johnson


Commissioner Safford


Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt