

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

@ Station 50

Call to Order: Commissioner Safford called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Attendees: Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Johnson, Chief Schmidt, BC Nunemaker, Executive Assistant Linklater, Financial Director Perez, and 2 citizens. Chairman Taft was excused.

Flag Salute: Led by Commissioner Johnson

Public Input: Herald Reporter will be in attendance during the Softball Game along with the Aqua Sox Mascot and Sparky.

Citizen Advisory Group: None

Union Input: None

Volunteer Input: None.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from July 21st, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: July Checks #5593-5599 & EFTs Total: \$308,885.97
- 3) Claims: Checks #5600- 5633 and EFTs Total: \$57,116.35

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

Financial Report: The Financial Report was provided to the Commissioners. Fuel and EMS supply expenses are currently over budget. Staff is beginning preparations for the 2027 budget. The Cushman model and a preliminary budget review will be presented and discussed during the October Commissioner Meeting.

Old Business:

Liz Loomis Contract – Chief Schmidt met with Liz to discuss the District's goals and plans for the next Levy. The District would like to distribute one to two newsletters annually to residents. Associated mailing and postage costs will need to be considered. A follow-up meeting with Liz and her team will be scheduled in September to further discuss the newsletter and plan.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Liz Loomis's Contract. Commissioner Johnson seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Adoption of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan (HRA) – Switching providers from BPAS to HRA VEBA.

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Adoption of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan (HRA). Commissioner Johnson seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Chief/Secretary Reports:

- **Apparatus Report** – Two recent accidents: A50 hit a stump hidden in bushes during a call, and an Engine rear-ended a car. BC Nunemaker immediately stopped all new drivers until a Driver Policy is established. New Tender Engine is back at True North for modifications and corrections.
- **Equipment** - None
- **Grants** – Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians has not reviewed Grant applications yet.
- **Wildland** – Very busy season. FD21 has many people out on MOBE.
- **WEMSIS** – District 21's score increased by 10%. Crews are doing a great job with their documentation.
- **Staffing** - Conditional Offer Letters have been given to Firefighter Berg and Firefighter Staley, promoting them to Full-Time Firefighter/EMTs. They will both attend the Fall Full-Time Academy. Firefighter Staley will then attend the Boston Paramedic Program sponsored by District 21.
Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the hiring of Firefighter Berg and Firefighter Staley, promoting them to Full-Time Firefighter/EMTs. Commissioner Johnson seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Reports –

- Commissioner Safford acknowledged Lieutenant Bates for taking the time to show the new extrication equipment to the retirees.

Announcements:

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at AHIC.
- D21 Firefighters vs Dad's Softball Game rematch – August 21st at 6:00 p.m. located at the AHIC Baseball Field.
- Pancake Breakfast – September 26th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Station 49

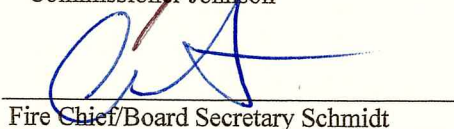
Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Chairman Taft


Commissioner Johnson


Commissioner Safford


Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt