



GIG HARBOR FIRE & MEDIC ONE
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Date: May 12, 2026

Chairman Entze called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Entze, Urvina, Nelson, Hayden, and Fleming; Fire Chief D. Doan; Deputy Chiefs P. Oldenburg, S. Booth, N. Langlow; Division Chief S. Peterson and T. Wescott, LT S. Jorgenson, Technology & Communications Specialist M. Herzog, and EA L. Medved.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Nelson and Urvina moved and seconded approval of the agenda. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

RECOGNITION

Commander Leopold and Sr. Vice Commander Rucker presented FF Karissa Wagner with the 2025 VFW Firefighter of the Year award.

COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

Chairman Entze noted a minor revision to the meeting minutes. Commissioners Nelson and Hayden moved and seconded approval of the April 28, 2026, meeting minutes. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners Nelson and Fleming moved and seconded approval of payable checks #3554 – 3593, 3606 – 3649 and payroll checks #3594 – 3605 and ACH payroll transfers, as outlined in the agenda for a total consideration of \$4,044,495.12. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

CHIEFS REPORTS

FC Doan reported:

- Presented at the Harbor Rising leadership training.
- Added to the Tacoma Narrows Airport Commission, with the first meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

- Scheduled to speak at the IAFF New Member Conference in Wenatchee and will travel to Boise afterward, attending the next meeting remotely.
- Scott Booth's retirement celebration is scheduled for May 27 at 3:00 PM.
- A capital presentation is planned for the June 9 meeting.
- The new water tender has arrived; training will occur soon before it is placed into service.
- Deputy Chief Oldenburg is scheduled to retire next year, and the posting for the replacement position was published last night to allow overlap time for training.

DC Langlow reported:

- Training division moved into the support building on Monday.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations are ongoing.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Commissioners Entze and Urvina attended the Washington Fire Commissioner's Spring Conference at Clearwater.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2022 CAPITAL BOND PROJECTS UPDATE

FC Doan reported:

- Training Campus:
 - Masonry work at the tower is complete, and a cap is being poured to finish the structure.
 - Fireblast is continuing work on the interior props; tile installation is underway.
 - Site clean up has begun and the ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 24.
- Station 51:
 - Walls are being poured this week, and utility work is continuing.
- Station 58/59:
 - Working on initial plans and reviewing site surveys.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ladder Truck Evaluation – DC Langlow

- Lt. Jorgenson attended as the SME for the ladder truck evaluation.
- DC Langlow recognized committee members Noah Falk, Scott Corrigan, Scott Jorgenson, Tony Carr, Andy Cochrane, Ryan Shervanick, and Brad Skavlem for their thorough

evaluation of current fleet capabilities, identification of service gaps, review of ladder truck options, and development of deployment recommendations.

- The committee identified a gap in aerial response capabilities, noting the district currently relies on neighboring agencies for aerial support. Improved aerial capabilities would enhance firefighter safety and operations.
- Three apparatus types were evaluated: rear-mounted bucket, rear-mounted straight stick, and tractor-drawn aerial (tiller). After field testing with Tacoma Fire Department, including route testing in district conditions, the committee recommended the tiller apparatus as the best fit, with the straight stick identified as a secondary option. Appreciation was extended to Chief Gil Barthe and Tacoma Fire Department for their assistance.
- The committee recommended housing the apparatus at Station 51 due to its central location and SR-16 access. The apparatus would operate as a Quint with an onboard water tank and would replace one Type 1 engine, transitioning Engine 51 to Ladder 51 while maintaining a similar response model. Initial staffing of three firefighters was discussed, with a fourth added as staffing allows.
- Next steps include beginning the specification process and evaluating funding options, including impacts on the long-term capital plan, apparatus replacement schedule, and other district priorities such as Stations 58 and 59.
- Commissioners and staff expressed appreciation for the committee's work and support for the recommendation. Discussion also included integration with the Technical Rescue Team, apparatus weight and bridge limitations, and the potential for improved WSRB ratings benefiting the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GOOD OF THE ORDER

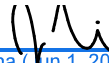
SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Entze adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m. The next regular meeting will be May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.


Kevin L Entze (May 29, 2026 13:40:22 PDT)

Chairman/Commissioner


Joe Urvina (Jun 1, 2026 14:30:15 PDT)

Commissioner



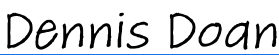
Commissioner


Matthew Fleming (May 29, 2026 23:29:42 PDT)

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Phil Hayden (May 29, 2026 15:12:54 PDT)

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Dennis Doan (Jun 2, 2026 11:18:54 PDT)

Attest: District Secretary