



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2025

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

Present: Commissioners Entze, Sutich, Nelson and Urvina; Fire Chief D. Doan; Deputy Chief's P. Oldenburg, N. Langlow, S. Booth, J. Johnson, Division Chief S. Peterson, IS Manager T. Wagenmann, Technology, Finance Director K. Hackmeister, Communications Specialist M. Herzog, Executive Assistant L. Medved, Local 3390 (virtually) and HR Manager J. Gunder (virtually).

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.

COMMISSIONER ABSENCE

Commissioners Nelson and Urvina motioned and seconded the approval of Commissioner Wilsie's absence from today's meeting. Commissioner Nelson also announced that he will be absent from the upcoming meeting on June 24th. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

Commissioners Urvina and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the May 27, 2025, meeting minutes. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners Nelson and Urvina moved and seconded a motion to approve accounts payable checks #1771 – 1799 and #1813 – 1829, and payroll check 1,935,133.58. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote.

LOCAL 3390 REPORTS

CHIEFS REPORTS

DC Oldenburg reported:

- Lateral hiring process closed on Friday, with 53 applicants from across the US. Will move forward with video-based and in-person interviews.

DC Langlow reported:

- Hosted a pre-season wildland meeting On June 3rd with 40-50 regional partners in attendance.
- Attended a meeting with the city, GHPD, Public Works, DOE, and the Gig Harbor Marina to discuss response protocols in the Harbor.
- Received positive feedback from Gig Fest and found joint planning and training with local partners to be beneficial. An after-action review is scheduled for mid-July.
- Wildland Deployment—Dana Pirolo is leading the single-role paramedic deployment. A single resource paramedic may deploy as needed to provide non-transport care for fire line personnel. First agency in Pierce County, made possible through collaboration with State Dept. of Health, Pierce County EMS, and others. Enables out-of-county response under Pierce County protocols.

- Double fatality on Soundview Drive on June 6th. The response included three engine companies, two medic units, the Battalion Chief and GHPD.
- GHPD utilized one of the surplus AEDs on a patient prior to our arrival, highlighting the value of early AED intervention and collaboration.

DC Booth reported:

- The conditional offer for the Administrative Assistant position was declined the evening prior to the scheduled start date. The position was reposted and closes on June 20th, with 20 applications received to date.
- A welcome reception for CJ Martin, the new Public Educator, will be at 8AM on June 16th. A new part-time CPR Instructor and Hydrant Laborer are also scheduled to begin the same week.

FC Doan reported:

- Participated in various events, including the Bates Training Center groundbreaking, Station 53 Open house, Gig Fest parade judging, and spoke at the Pierce County Council Meeting on Fox Island and CM Jenny Woock's Open House.
- Craig McLaughlin's lunch was well-attended by the department; preparing a thank-you letter and challenge coin from Station 51.
- Met with Rep. Addison Richards to discuss EV parking requirements and potential legislative updates.
- Admin welcome-back BBQ and Labor Management meeting scheduled for tomorrow. "Fill the Boot" on Friday. Will attend the PenMet ribbon-cutting ceremony next week.
- Lateral Chief interviews planned for the last week of June.
- Policy & Procedure Committee (Nelson and Wilsie) will begin reviewing and updating policies for board approval.
- Received positive feedback from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) regarding ongoing work regarding WSRB. There is interest in rewriting the WSRB rating schedule; it may help lead this effort with consultants.
- Working with the new DEM Director and CM Denson to seek resolutions on funding gaps impacting smaller agencies that are remaining on the 700-radio system. Our charges increased from \$80,000 to \$200,000 due to agency departures from the 700-radio system.
- Analysis of district coverage using new AT&T HPUE/FirstNet devices showed strong connectivity district-wide.
- Tower construction was ruled out due to the financial burden and decreased relevance of fixed infrastructure; other agencies (e.g., Peninsula School District) are moving toward similar mobile tech.
- Considering future shift from traditional LMR (Land Mobile Radio) to cellular-based solutions and currently piloting a new mobile communications platform. Anticipate a transition in public safety communications, with cost-effective solutions emerging soon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2022 CAPITAL BOND PROJECTS UPDATE

DC Johnson reported:

- **Stations 53/57:** Closing out paperwork.
- **Training Campus:** Retention pond cleaned; a 3rd pond being added as required. Interior framing complete in the support building; drywall installation underway to support fire sprinkler

work. Waterproofing is nearly complete in the tower; 8-9 steel columns installed and stair formation is ongoing.

- **Station 50:** Electrical panel replaced; addressing new mechanical issues. Library and reception area are complete.
- **Station 51:** Continued permit approvals; variances for front improvements have been approved. Met with Rep. Addison Richards to address EV charging mandates, which require 58 parking spots with 10% designated for EVs. Currently, there are 24 spaces on the south side, with only 10 used during peak times. Targeting bid next month, contract award in September, and construction start by year-end.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- PenMet Parks Recreation Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, 6/17, 4:30PM Reception, 5PM Ceremony

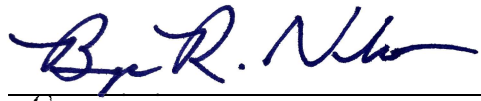
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Entze adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m.


Kevin L. Entze (Jun 26, 2025 00:43 PDT)
Chairman/Commissioner


Joe Urvina (Jun 26, 2025 08:42 PDT)
Commissioner


Commissioner


Alex Wilsie (Jun 27, 2025 15:30 PDT)
Commissioner

Tom Sutich
Tom Sutich (Jun 26, 2025 10:02 PDT)
Commissioner

Dennis Doan
Dennis Doan (Jun 26, 2025 10:10 PDT)
Attest: District Secretary