SOUTH KING FIRE
May 26, 2026
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Baruso called the Regular Meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Fuller, Vadino, Burrus and Monroe in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Woodey.

To listen to the full meeting, please visit our website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motion and a second to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 28, 2026. Commissioner Fuller made a Motion - I move that we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 28th. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motion and a second to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on May 6, 2026, neither Commissioner Fuller nor Monroe attended this meeting, so they need to abstain. Commissioner Burrus made a Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from May 6th. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion was approved with Commissioners Fuller and Monroe abstaining.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller had no comments.

Commissioner Burrus reported that a former employee of our Dan Borg recently passed away. He was a friend of Commissioner Burrus, not just at work but outside of work. Commissioner Burrus asked that at some point in the next day or two, just think about him a little bit, it's a big loss.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Monroe had no comments.

Commissioner Baruso had no comments.

PUBLIC COMEMNTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Vadino reported that the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee met and reviewed the change orders for the Admin building, the full report is in your packet. The largest change order was related to the ADA ramp, moving a light switch and then some access panels for the electrical boxes. Commissioner Vadino made a Motion to approve change orders in the amount of $19,614.90. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burrus. It was requested that Director Lee provide more information on the requested change orders. Motion passed.

Commissioner Vadino added that we had a Policy and Procedure Meeting, we are going through the list of items that came out of the Retreat. We have prepared two (2) more policy proposals for the Board to review, station visits and the ability for the Chair to let others run the meeting. Commissioner Vadino made a Motion to approve the policy that's under 8.4 presiding officer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion passed.

Commissioner Vadino added that the next policy is Station Visits, this policy isn't the standard policy but it's not particularly strict either. Commissioner Vadino made a Motion to approve the proposal for the station visit policy and that is under Section 10 Board relationship. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Commissioner Burrus added that he doesn't think we need this policy as no one has ever been able to provide him with a specific example of when we should have had this policy or when not having one would have been helpful in some way. There was a lot of discussion on this topic. Commissioner Vadino withdrew her Motion. Commissioner Vadino made a Motion; I move to add the following under section 10 Board relationships with staff on that Commissioners visiting stations shall coordinate a visit to the Operations Chief or their designee during visits conversations after the appropriate for the Commissioners role and not interview operations. Motin was seconded by Commissioner Monroe. Motion passed 4-1

MOU – ARTICLE 12 – BATTALION CHIEF PROMOTIONAL

Chief Woodey reported that both the District and the Local have an interest in having an expanded candidate pool for what will be the upcoming Battalion Chief promotional opportunity. This does not compromise the standards of the position or the testing process. It's another way to go from having a small pool of candidates to a larger pool and it was a joint venture between the Admin and the Local, it was very easy to work through this process. Commissioner Burrus made a Motion to approve the MOU as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 675 – APPROVAL POF UPDATED KING COUNTY REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Chief Woodey read Resolution 675 into record. Commissioner Burrus made a Motin to approve Resolution 675. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion passed.

MIH/CARES PRESENTATION

The MIH/CARES Team

- Lily Alfaro Social Worker
- Tamara Liebich-Lantz Social Worker
- Celi Moser Registered Nurse
- Maria Gorodyuk as Registered Nurse

The MIH/CARES Mission Statement

- enhancing quality of life by improving access to services through patient-centered care.

History of CARES

- Community Medical Technician (2 Firefighters) 2016
- CARES (shared work with VRFA) 2 Firefighters 3 Social Workers 2018
- Current (2 Social Workers and 2 Registered Nurses) 2024

SKF CARES Model

- 2 Nurses and 2 Social Workers
- Referral and Co-response Model

Roles

- Social Worker
  - Social Determinants of Health
  - Mental Health Assessment
  - Cognitive Functioning
  - Crisis Intervention
- Nurse
  - Chronic Disease Management
  - Episodic Medical Care
  - Clinical care coordination
  - Assess, treat and monitor patients
  - Ensure medical care plans are understood and followed by patients

CARES Referral Types

- High 911/ED utilizers
- Overwhelmed caregivers
- Individuals with chronic and complex health care conditions
- Low-income families with limited access to resources
- Individuals with mental health needs
- Unhoused individuals
- Vulnerable/Marginalized individuals

Community Resources Interactions

- King County Fall Prevention Program
- Hospitals
- Outpatient clinical supports
- State Social Services
- Mental health services and providers
- Community resources and Non-Profit Organizations

This was followed by a presentation on the data for the CARES/MIH Team by EMS Officer Lt. Mathis

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Woodey's Administration Report;

- He echoed what Commissioner Burrus mentioned about his friend and former firefighter Dan Borg; It's always good to reflect when we lose a member of our community and to honor that person.
- He added that FF Jacob Jones is retiring at the end of the month.
- Special thanks to DC Andersen for the work that he put into the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It's not a fun subject but he drove it home and got us to where we needed to be.
- Thanks to AC Suckoll for his work on the 320th Property, we will be talking about it later in the meeting.

- The Standards of Cover is moving along the data collection is slightly ahead of schedule. DC Winter is leading the project with several of our division leads contributing to the project. So far, the project is on target.
- We are still waiting for a new contract for the ladder truck. We don't have any specifics on when we will receive it. We will have legal counsel review all documents before bringing them before the Board for approval, likely in June.

Commissioner Fuller commented on seeing the Extrication Team practice in Tacoma prior to their competition where they placed in the top 10% of the competition. Commissioner Fuller inquired if that was in the budget; Chief Woodey noted that this event was not funded by the department.

MAY BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem noted we are through the month of May and our target percentage of the budget is 41.67% and we are continuing to trend under budget at 38.93% which puts us at 2.74% under budget.

Finance Manager Kelsey Barrett read the list of expenditures for the month of May into record.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#12809-121828) totaling	$975,078.40
Accounts Payable Warrants (#121829-121910) totaling	$1,733,599.57
Payroll Direct Deposit Document - DD009708-009933 totaling	$1,872,422.31
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$424,627.30
Medical Claims as of May 19, 2026	$521,831.61
TOTAL approval	$5,527,559.19

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motion and a second to approve tonight's vouchers. Commissioner Vadino moved approval of the May vouchers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burrus. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1808 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board will convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c). To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action on selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

Joining the Board in Executive Session will be Chief Woodey, Executive Director Ganem, Assistant Chief Suckoll, Executive Secretary Perry, Matt Murray, Dane Dahline and legal counsel. We will convene in Executive Session for 30 minutes until 1830 hours. After noticing there was a discrepancy with the time, a comment was added to the meeting chat that the Board will convene in Executive Session until 1838 hours.

At 1838 hours Executive Session was extended until 1850 hours.

At 1900 hours Executive Session was extended until 1910 hours.

At 1910 hours Executive Session was extended until 1920 hours.

At 1920 hours Executive session was extended until 1930 hours,

At 1930 hours the Regular Meeting reconvened.

DISCUSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON THE 320TH PROPERTY

Commissioner Baruso reported that we are out of Executive Session and resuming the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Burrus made a Motion, I move that the Board of Commissioners authorize Fire Chief Woodey to continue negotiations for a purchase and sale agreement for the 320th property with Dermody Spec Industrial in consultation with District legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Vadino. Commissioner Baruso added that this was a hard decision to make, there were a number of factors involved and we didn't take this decision lightly. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1932 hours Commissioner Baruso reported that the Board will convene into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i). To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body or a member acting in an official capacity is or is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Joining the Board in Executive Session will be Chief Woodey, Executive Director Ganem, Assistant Chief Suckoll, Director Lee and legal counsel. We will convene into Executive Session for 20 minutes until 1952 hours.

At 1952 hours Executive Session was extended until 2005 hours.

At 2005 hours the Regular Meeting reconvened, with no action to be taken by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY