



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 7

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Board of Fire Commissioners-Special Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1800 hours at Station 72; Division Chief Zinko led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioner Jeff Myers, Commissioner John P. Keffer, Chief Aaron Lowe, Division Chief Zinko, and Division Chief Akin.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The listed purpose of the special meeting was to interview the finalists for the open Commissioner seat; therefore no approval or modification of the agenda was necessary.

COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS: In the interest of fairness, the Commissioners asked the candidates to step out until after their interview so that they would not hear the questions in advance.

Five letters and resumes were received by the District Secretary, but one candidate, Keith McDonald, apparently decided not to proceed and was not present.

- **Interview of Michael Sandsmark:** The interview started at 1805 hours and ended at 1822 hours.
- **Interview of Mark Vetter:** The interview started at 1824 hours and ended at 1839 hours.
- **Interview of Mark Folden:** The interview started at 1842 hours and ended at 1853 hours.
- **Interview of Brian Bosserman:** The interview started at 1859 hours and ended at 1920 hours.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING: Commissioner Chair Myers called for a special meeting to be held with the attorney for the District to review legal and financial issues related to potential fire service contracts or annexations as being discussed with the cities. The District Secretary will work with the attorney to set a meeting date and time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Myers called for an executive session starting at 1925 hours pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h): “to evaluate the qualifications of a

candidate for appointment to elective office". The duration of the session was estimated to be fifteen minutes with the meeting to resume at 1940 hours.

Chief Lowe, Division Chief Akin, and Division Chief Zinko were invited to remain.

At 1940 hours, the executive session was extended for another ten minutes to 1950 hours; the extension was announced outside of the meeting room.

At 1950 hours, the executive session was extended for another ten minutes to 2000 hours; the extension was announced outside of the meeting room.

The executive session ended at 2000 hours.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER: The appointment of a Commissioner candidate will be scheduled for an upcoming special or regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Keffer will update the candidates as to the timeline.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the special meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.

APPROVED:

Kittitas County Fire District #7,
Kittitas County, Washington

By: 
Jeff Myers, Commissioner

By: 
John P Keffer, Commissioner

By: 
N/A
VACANT, Commissioner
BRIAN BOSSERMAN

ATTEST:

Eryn A Micallef, District Secretary

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in a caring and professional manner.*