Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

Clark County Fire District 5
11606 NE 66th Street, Suite 103
Vancouver, WA 98662

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Rhine were in attendance. Also present at the meeting were District Administrator Jennifer Bethke, VFD Chief Drake and Deputy Administrator Chris Cohen.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Rhine motioned to approve the May 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chief's Report

Academy Graduation – Chief Drake reported on the recent Fire Academy graduation and thanked members of the Board and Administrator Bethke for attending the ceremony.

Drill Tower – Chief Drake presented a proposal for the potential of constructing a new Drill Tower in the District. He stated that the purpose of the presentation was to gauge the Board's support for this endeavor before committing further planning efforts. There was a lengthy discussion that resulted in the Board expressing support, but for the Chief to come back with more information at a future Board meeting.

RFA Discussion – There was a discussion about the possibility of forming a Regional Fire Authority and how it might affect the District and its constituents.

Citizens' Communications

None.

FIRE DISTRICT 5
CLARK COUNTY

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rhine moved to approve items A through D as submitted. The Board asked for clarification of an item on the consent agenda. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The consent agenda included the following items:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	$	4,337,850.00
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	$	31,739.21
C. Commissioners' Fund 6209	$	12,333.53
D. Commissioners' Fund 6209	$	9,200.14

Administrator Bethke requested a short recess from the meeting at 6:50. Chair Lyons moved to recess for 5 minutes or until 6:55 p.m.

Chair Lyons called the meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

Secretary's Report

A. **Classes Taught – May 2026** - Provided to the Board for informational purposes.

B. **Update on Fund 6256** – Administrator Bethke updated the Board on a correction regarding the District's Fund 6256 Financial Statement. The County Treasurer's Office made a mistake on outstanding bonds, which the District does not have.

Board Communications

Flag of Honor – Commissioner Rhine gifted the District a Flag of Honor that he acquired during a recent trip to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City. Deputy Administrator Cohen will frame the flag for display in the District building.

Dizzy Castle Lease – Administrator Bethke updated the Board on the progress of lease negotiations with the District's building tenant. The terms of the lease should be finalized soon.

Concerned Citizens – Administrator Bethke reported that she is addressing some complaints from concerned citizens in the District. She is investigating the complaint regarding an incident between a pedestrian and an emergency vehicle driver. It is still unclear to which organization the driver and vehicle are affiliated.

Administrator Bethke is currently looking into a complaint from a citizen about a neglected piece of land. The property has overgrown vegetation that may pose a fire hazard. To address this issue, Administrator Bethke will reach out to the County Fire Marshal's office and request they look into it.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Lyons adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Sincerely,

Chair

Commissioner

Secretary to the Board

Commissioner