

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on March 11, 2026 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector were present at Station 41 and Secretary/Chief John Golden. Guests include Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney, Brian Jones, and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Commissioner Farrens added academy discussion to new business on the agenda and Commissioner Hector added drones to new business on the agenda. The meeting agenda with additions and minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2026 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Commissioners activity reports were reviewed and approved by each commissioner.

Upcoming Conference at Northern Quest Casino March 14th. Commissioner Farrens and Commissioner Myrick confirmed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire and EMS incidents report for February, 65 calls total. Seven fire calls and 58 EMS, of those 29 were transports.

Walla Walla County Treasurer reports still being worked on. Chief Golden will draft a letter to the County Treasurer from the Commissioners, with a copy to the County Commissioners. D4 Commissioners will decide if they want to send it at next meeting.

Chief Golden will be out of town 3/12 to 3/16.

Dozer transport was taken to Mountain Hi on Monday.

Dozer training is being scheduled.

Report writing software Image Trend transition has been very smooth. Deputy Chief McKinney is working with Systems Design to set up ambulance billing.

Academy graduation is scheduled for March 26th, time and location to be determined.

The old Blue Creek school bell was donated to the Walla Walla School District by Fire District #4 that has been sitting at Station 45.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Station alerting update from Brian Snure confirmed the alerting system is not a sole source and suggested going out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 260201001 through 260301056 were presented for payment. Chief Golden reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$230,475.05.

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Chief Golden drafted and presented a district response to the State Auditor findings. Commissioners approved letter to Auditor.

Commissioner Farrens expressed concerns about the number of injuries in academy and the expectations of the recruits. Chief Golden discussed potential options for change moving forward.

Commissioner Hector inquired about the number of drones in the districts possession. The district has two and Deputy Chief McKinney is researching to purchase one with thermal imaging with the grant money we received.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 5:10pm Commissioner Myrick called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. The executive session will be 15 minutes. The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 5:25 pm and the meeting continued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman