

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9th, 2026**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Chief Chris Munson, Battalion Chief Blake Reeves, Lieutenant CJ Erickson, and Firefighters Lars Enger and Diego Esquivel. Chairman Tyler Brandt and District Secretary Kaydee Roberts both had an excused absence.

Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary lead in the pledge of allegiance.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the excused absence of Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt. Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- February 06, 2026 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 12th, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	109,573.43
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>11,530.09</u>
Total Claims	\$	121,103.52

CORRESPONDANCE

- YCFC February 19th, 2026 Meeting Agenda
- YCFC November 20th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Commissioner Riel called the executive meeting to order at 3:33 pm with 10 minutes to start and for FC Lamoureux and the board to attend. After 8 minutes Commissioner Riel ended the executive session and the regular meeting reconvened at 3:41 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approval of Deputy Chief Probationary Review

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the probationary review of Deputy Chief Chris Munson. Vice-Chairman St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

- Healthcare Insurance Increase Stipend

FC Lamoureux informed the board that it has been brought up that DS Roberts and AA Frost do not have the same insurance stipend as the line staff as of the 2026 contract. FC Lamoureux said he will re-read the policy and have an updated policy to sign at the next meeting to increase the stipend to \$1,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan Adoption

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Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve the strategic plan with minor changes made, and to be discussed again at the Chelan meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The WFCOA will be replacing Tori Pettis' position as the HR manager starting April 1st, 2026. They have narrowed it down to three candidates.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The training tower at station 40 is still on track to be ready by the first week in March. Former Chief Dale Hille should be back in town for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The ladder truck went to an industry show and while there, one of the roll-up doors in the back is not working right.

FC Lamoureux and LT. Erickson are flying back to Montana on February 19th, 2026 for the tactical tender and it should be on site in March.

FC Lamoureux will do a SEPA review for the remaining acres of the training tower. DC Munson and FC Lamoureux will be going over the budget to see where they can get reserves into capital projects.

The first month at Union Gap is done and the transition was smooth. Union Gap will be paying for building upgrades. The department plans to bring back the spaghetti feed in Union Gap and will be held on April 25th, 2026.

Call volume is up 71% since January 25th, 2026. Union Gap is paying their own dispatch fees.

Petition letters have been sent out for the annexation of no mans land. The department needs 60% of the acreage, and according to the RCW, the letters need to be back by April 15th, 2026. There will need to be a public hearing in May to accept the annexation by August 1st, 2026.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 pm. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Excused Absence

Chairman Tyler Brandt



Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:



Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary