

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting May 13, 2026 Minutes

In attendance:

Board Members – Joe Dolezal, Mike Tomasheck, Buddy Lowrey, Mike Rossow, Richard Lennox

Administration – Chief Anderson, Chief Olson, Misty Henning, Lt. Shepherd

Visitors – None

Commissioner Dolezal called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

Public Input – None

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The Following voucher/warrants/electronic payments were approved for payment:
May 13, 2026, Ck 9690-9731 \$ 153,159.66

Unfinished Business

CARES Update

Lt. Shepherd addressed the Board with an update on the CARES program having recently attended the Co-responder Conference with Johanna Aguillard, CARES PM, and other entities that had received the Fire Department Innovation Grant. They made a lot of connections and positive resources.

He spoke next on the recent job posting for the additional Community Paramedic that was approved at the previous Board Meeting and noted that they have seen a good amount of interest in the position and are excited for a competitive hiring process.

Commissioner Dolezal inquired on key conference take-aways and discussion followed.

Chief Anderson also addressed the Commissioners regarding their previous discussion on the possibility of an additional administrative position for the CARES program and asked for their feedback on the matter after the previous information provided. The commissioners discussed any concerns they had and conversed with staff on the role and sustainability for the position.

Discussion followed with a plan to return to the topic and review the financial outlook at coming meetings.

New Business

Surplus Items, Resolution #26-07

Chief Olson presented the Board with a list for surplus. Items were cleaned out from storage, all having been deemed unreparable or damaged and/or replaced with newer technology. Discussion followed on specific items and if there were any possible alternative uses.

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Minutes**

Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion¹ to approve Resolution #26-07 and the surplus of listed items from RFA through gov deals and approved process as part of master planning and annual duties. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Maintenance Truck Replacement

Chief Olson presented the Board with a proposed replacement for the Maintenance truck, a 1972 Dodge, scheduled for replacement in this calendar year. The proposed replacement is a heavy-duty, double-cab truck with a long bed capable of carrying fuel cells and providing above-bed toolbox storage to be purchased through Bud Clary and the state purchasing program. Photos were offered as well and commissioners reviewed the information presented.

Commissioner Rossow made a motion² to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 double cab through Bud Clary Chevrolet, utilizing the State of Washington purchasing program, as part of the Master Plan Fleet Replacement Program as approved in the Master Plan and within the approved budget. Commissioner Tomasheck seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Body Armor Policy #313

Chief Anderson discussed with Commissioners the recent acquisition of Body Armor purchased with local grant funding. The need for equipment comes with the risk of more rapid deployment at scenes of mass violence in coordination with law enforcement.

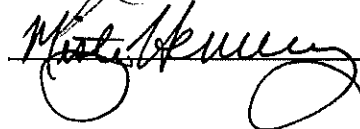
An updated policy was presented to the Board addressing the use of Body Armor, subject to their approval. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lowrey made a motion³ to approve RFA Policy 313 – Body Armor. Commissioner Rossow seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Good of the Order

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.

1. Resolution #26-07 Surplus Property
2. Purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 double cab
3. Approve RFA Policy 313 – Body Armor

Minutes submitted by:  _____, Chair Dolezal

 _____, Assistant Board Secretary