

Riverside Fire Authority

Governance Board Meeting September 9, 2026 Minutes

In attendance:

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

Administration – Chief Olson, Stephanie Slorey, Misty Henning

Visitors – Nathan Drake, C Crew

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session provided for in 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.

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:

<i>August 26, 2026,</i>	<i>Ck 9977-9997</i>	<i>\$990,777.39</i>
<i>Sept. 9, 2026,</i>	<i>Ck 10,007-10,046</i>	<i>\$50,102.32</i>

The Oath of Office was administered by Chief Olson to the new firefighter / paramedics, AJ Hourni and David Page.

Unfinished Business

Station Alerting Upgrades – Quote Approval

Chief Olson discussed the updated project quotes for Station 1 & 2 Alerting Upgrades. Estimated timeline for installation will be 2-4 months. The current quote came in approximately \$2,000 less than the first quote. For the current quote, equipment would be provided by US Digital Designs, and the installation would be provided by Fidelity Solutions for a total of \$114,703.23. Discussion followed. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to approve the proposed project quotes as presented and authorize the fire chief to execute all project required documentation. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2026 SWW Fair

Chief Olson gave a brief update on the 2026 SWW Fair. The department had volunteer and career staff who worked shifts at the Old Towne Firehouse and the first aid station. Chief Olson noted that these staff members played a critical role in managing emergency services and public safety throughout the event duration.

EMS Division Chief Contract Review

A draft contract for the EMS Division Chief was distributed to the Board for review. Following discussion, the Board determined that clarification was needed in certain portions of the contract. Chief Olson stated that the requested clarifications would be made, and the revised contract would be presented to the Board at its September 23 meeting.

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New Business

EMS Levy Planning

Chief Olson discussed the possibility of a public safety sales and use tax appearing on the 2027 ballot, which could compete with Riverside Fire Authority's 2028 EMS levy renewal. Depending on the election month selected for the renewal levy, the resolution may need to be submitted to the county as early as December 2026.

2027 Budget Update

Finance Officer Misty Henning distributed a detailed timeline for 2027 budget preparations. Discussion followed.

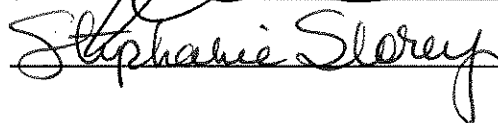
EXECUTIVE SESSION

As provided for in RCW 22.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Commissioner Tomasheck made a motion to move into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. for ten (10) minutes. Regular meeting was called back to order at 5:49 p.m. with no action taken.

Good of the Order

Adjourned 5:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


_____, Chair Dolezal

_____, Board Secretary