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LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE • BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FORM 1: CANDIDATE PROFILE & STATUTORY ATTESTATION

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TARGET POSITION DESIGNATION

Instruction: You must explicitly check at least one box below to dictate how your dossier is categorized within the procurement pipeline.

- POSITION A: Immediate Vacancy (Lamar). Appointed July 7, 2026. Term expires November 2027.
- POSITION B: Impending Vacancy (Payne). Interviewed July 7, appointed July 16, 2026. Term expires November 2027.
- BOTH POSITIONS: Enters candidate pool for both seats. If not appointed to Position A on July 7, remains active for Position B on July 16.

MANDATORY STATUTORY ATTESTATIONS

Instruction: Initial each line below to certify absolute legal compliance with Washington State codes.

SM **U.S. Citizenship:** I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America (WA Const. Art. III, § 25).

SM **Voter Registration Status:** I certify that I am an actively registered voter within Chelan County, WA (RCW 52.14.010).

SM **District Residency Boundaries:** I certify that I maintain continuous, uninterrupted physical residency within the geographic service boundaries of CCFD9 for a minimum of thirty (30) days preceding appointment (RCW 52.14.010).

SM **Fiduciary Integrity & Ethics:** I possess no prohibited corporate, beneficial, financial, or employment contract conflicts of interest with Chelan County Fire District 9 under RCW 42.23 (Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers).

[Signature]
FORMAL SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

6/24/26
DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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FORM 2: CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT & PORTFOLIO AFFIRMATION

1. CORE STANDARDS OF GOVERNANCE POSTURE

An appointed Fire Commissioner serves as a trustee of public funds and is legally responsible for establishing high-level policies. Upon appointment, the candidate must strictly align with the following mandates:

- **Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30):** Absolute prohibition against participating in unauthorized, non-noticed multi-member communications regarding district business outside official sessions.
- **Public Records Retention (RCW 42.56):** Commitment to route and retain all written and electronic correspondence regarding operations through official district server channels. Open-session interviews will be actively video and audio recorded and archived as permanent public records.
- **Command Structure Boundaries:** Acknowledgment that the Board holds exclusive authority over legislative and fiscal structures, while day-to-day tactical command and operational deployments vest strictly in the Office of the Fire Chief.

2. APPLICATION PORTFOLIO FINAL CHECKLIST

- Form 1 Fully Executed:** Contact entries completed, target positions checked, and statutory lines initialed.
- Form 2 Signed:** Governance ethics reviewed and final authorization executed below.
- Letter of Interest Attached:** Typed document confined strictly to a maximum length of two (2) pages.
- Professional Resume Attached:** Accurate chronological layout detailing managerial or executive records.

3. FINAL AUTHORIZATION & CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION CONSENT

"I hereby authorize the administrative command staff and legal counsel of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 to verify my active voter registration status and physical residency credentials directly with the records division of the Chelan County Auditor. I explicitly acknowledge the public record status of this portfolio in accordance with RCW 42.56 and consent to the digital redaction and publication rules established within the official recruitment guidelines. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all answers, attachments, and declarations provided within this dossier are completely true, accurate, and correct."



LEGAL SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

6/24/26

DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

APPROVED AND ADOPTED JUNE 18, 2026 BY UNANIMOUS BOARD APPROVAL.

STUART MCKEE

Leavenworth, WA 98826 | [REDACTED]

June 24, 2026

Board of Fire Commissioners

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9
Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue (LWFR)
21696 Lake Wenatchee Highway
Leavenworth, WA 98826

SUBJECT: Official Letter of Interest for Appointive Vacancies (Position A & Position B)

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this formal letter of interest and the accompanying portfolio as my application for public appointment to the Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 Board of Commissioners. In strict compliance with the submission guidelines, I am explicitly designating my candidacy for Both Positions (Position A and Position B). My primary objective is to deliver immediate institutional continuity, legal quorum protection, and elite fiduciary stewardship to the district I am proud to actively serve.

As an active operational volunteer firefighter and EMT within Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue, I have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with our career and volunteer crews, responding to 48 emergency tones and community outreach calls over the past year. I am deeply familiar with our district's physical boundaries, our apparatus, and the high-consequence operational realities of protecting our community. However, I recognize that the role of a Fire Commissioner is uniquely distinct from that of a field responder. A Commissioner is a trustee of public funds, legally tasked with macro-level legislative oversight, long-term capital forecasting, and systemic audit integrity. My background uniquely bridges these two worlds.

Public Executive Leadership & Municipal Competency

My professional background features extensive experience leading public sector infrastructure operations at the highest echelons of state and local government. Recruited into the Governor's Executive Cabinet and unanimously confirmed by the Washington State Senate as Chief Information Officer (State CIO), I directed a complex technology and infrastructure services agency with 420 FTE. Later, during my 16-year tenure as Chief Technology Officer for Microsoft's U.S. Public Sector division, I partnered directly with public safety executives, law enforcement leaders, and municipal boards nationwide to deploy resilient, transparent digital architectures.

My commitment to public safety infrastructure is an active part of my professional history. As highlighted in The New York Times (July 29, 2004), I pioneered the technical development and implementation of the multi-state Internet-based Amber Alert Web Portal emergency network, automating geographically sensitive incident broadcasts to dramatically improve public safety response times. Additionally, my 16-year service on the King County Strategic Advisory Council gave me extensive experience shaping long-term strategic plans and multi-jurisdictional municipal deployments.

Public Sector Fiscal Literacy & Capital Balancing

A primary statutory obligation of this Board is to balance future capital expenditures with immediate operational demands while honoring our covenant with District 9 taxpayers. My foundational training includes a Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting, giving me the core analytical skills required to review public line-item ledgers, asset-depreciation schedules, and state audit controls.

Throughout my career, I have managed massive fiscal complexities across both public and private sectors:

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- **Public Budgetary Oversight:** As State CIO, I maintained direct operational accountability for a \$150 million annual central technology budget and exercised statutory policy and audit oversight for over \$600 million per year in broader public sector infrastructure expenditures.
- **Private Sector Scaling:** As Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Hayden AI, I successfully guided a smart-city municipal data enterprise from its founding phase through a \$20 million Series A financing round, ensuring strict corporate compliance and regulatory alignment.

If appointed, I will bring this exact analytical scrutiny to Chelan County Fire District 9's 3-to-5-year budget horizon. I will work to ensure that our fleet rotations, facility maintenance needs, and medic unit requirements are rigorously modeled and funded without exposing local taxpayers to unsustainable financial liabilities.

Governance Philosophy regarding the Hybrid Ecosystem

My core governance posture operates under an absolute commitment to open government, transparency, and institutional decorum. I hold deep familiarity with the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30) and the Public Records Act (RCW 42.56), and I fully embrace the reality that all elements of this application portfolio instantly enter the public domain.

My governance philosophy is anchored in two immutable principles:

- **1. Respect for Command Structure Boundaries:** In accordance with Washington State code, the Board holds exclusive authority over legislative, strategic, and fiscal policy. Day-to-day tactical command, operational resource deployment, and personnel management vest strictly and exclusively in the Office of the Fire Chief. As a Commissioner, I will fiercely protect that boundary, acting as a supportive policy partner to leadership while avoiding any operational micro-management.
- **2. Equitable Valuing of the Hybrid Ecosystem:** The career staff and the volunteer ranks within LWFR are not competing factions; they are complementary pillars of a singular public safety mission. Our career personnel provide the vital baseline stabilization necessary for a modern department, while our volunteer corps represents the cultural bedrock and surge capacity of our rural community. Having personally completed the West Zone Fire Academy and holding National and State EMT and Wildland Red Card credentials, I know firsthand the sacrifices made by our line personnel. I will ensure both career and volunteer personnel receive the safety equipment, training infrastructure, and institutional respect required to return home safely from every tone.

Having held Department of Defense Top Secret and FBI CJIS security clearances represents a career-long verification of my personal discretion, integrity, and ethical standard. I am prepared to step into this office immediately upon execution of the Oath of Office to serve our commissioners, our firefighters, and our taxpayers with total transparency and accountability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Stuart McKee

Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, LWFR
Applicant for Board of Fire Commissioners

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Leavenworth, WA 98826 | Chelan County Fire District 9 Board of Commissioners Applicant

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Highly accomplished public executive, fiduciary strategist, and active local first responder with deep roots in Washington State executive governance. Formally appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the State Senate as Chief Information Officer for the State of Washington, directing large-scale public safety infrastructure modernizations, managing a \$150M/year central operational budget, and providing statutory oversight for \$600M/year in statewide technology allocations. Proven track record bridging high-level corporate operations with boots-on-the-ground municipal service. Seeking appointment to the Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners to ensure institutional stability, rigorous fiscal management, and absolute dedication to District 9 taxpayers, families, and first responders.

NOTABLE PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Boots-on-the-Ground Local Service:** Active operational volunteer within Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue, completing rigorous academy training and responding directly to emergency incidents across District 9.
- **Public Safety DNA:** Pioneered the multi-state development and implementation of the Internet-based Amber Alert Web Portal emergency network to automate the localized broadcasting of geographically sensitive public safety information.

"Using the Internet to automate broadcasting of geographically sensitive information can make dramatic improvements in public safety."

— Stuart McKee, WA State CIO (The New York Times, July 29, 2004)

FIRST RESPONDER & PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE

LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE (LWFR) | Volunteer Firefighter / EMT

- **Operational Response:** Responded to 48 emergency tones and numerous community outreach calls within the district inside of 12 months, active in incidents ranging from high-stress multi-vehicle injury accidents and structure fires to public awareness and community outreach transportation support.
- **Advanced Training & Academy Credentials:** Successfully completed the intensive West Zone Fire Academy program.
- **Emergency Medicine:** Earned dual National (NREMT) and Washington State Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certifications.
- **Wildland Firefighting:** Achieved Wildland Firefighting qualification (NWCG Red Card) for active wildland fire suppression and technical response.

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EXECUTIVE & PUBLIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE

STATE OF WASHINGTON | *Chief Information Officer (State CIO)* (2002 – 2004)

- Recruited into the Governor's Executive Cabinet and unanimously confirmed by the Washington State Senate.
- Exercised direct operational leadership over 420 FTE and a \$150 million annual technology services agency.
- Executed statutory public policy, fiscal compliance, and systemic audit oversight for \$600 million per year in statewide technology and infrastructure expenditures.
- Collaborated with state law enforcement, federal agencies, and technology partners to architect and deploy the state's modern emergency and child-abduction alert portal systems.

OPTISPAN | *Chief Executive Officer (CEO)* (2022 – 2023)

- Spearheaded executive operations, corporate governance, and capital allocation frameworks for a specialized health-tech enterprise.
- Directed high-level fiscal structuring, compliance modeling, and strategic partnership integration.

HAYDEN AI | *Chief Operating Officer (COO)* (2020 – 2022)

- Served as a founding executive team member, scaling operations from infancy through a successful \$20M Series A financing round and expanding the enterprise workforce to 40 employees.
- Managed daily corporate operations, cross-jurisdictional municipal regulatory compliance, and smart-city public safety technology data contracts with transit and municipal authorities.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION | *Chief Technology Officer (CTO), U.S. Public Sector* (2004 – 2020)

- **Vetted Security Clearances:** Maintained Department of Defense (DoD) Top Secret and FBI Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) clearances to advise on high-security public sector networks.
- Drove comprehensive technical, infrastructural, and fiscal strategies for a multi-billion-dollar division serving state, county, and municipal governments nationwide.
- Partnered directly with public safety leaders, emergency management agencies, and municipal executives to deploy secure, transparent, and resilient digital architectures.

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY / STARWAVE / SABEY CORPORATION | *Executive Leadership* (1993 – 2001)

- VP, Global Internet Operations (Disney): Built and engineered worldwide internet infrastructure and desktop environments across multiple international nodes.
- MIS Manager / Retail Group Manager (Sabey Corp): Directed property management systems, financial reporting, and construction infrastructure automation for a \$400M private enterprise. Managed all aspects of daily center operations for a 1.3 million sq. ft. commercial regional facility, executing tenant negotiations and media relations.

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GOVERNANCE & BOARD EXPERIENCE

- **KING COUNTY, WA | Board Member, Strategic Advisory Council | 2002 – 2018:** Tasked by the County Executive with establishing long-term strategic objectives, fiduciary boundaries, and countywide information technology infrastructure deployments.
- **GONZAGA UNIVERSITY | Executive Council Member, School of Business | 2008 – 2020:** Advised the Dean on university strategic planning, budget management, programmatic accreditation, and institutional goal setting.
- **STATE OF WASHINGTON | Chair, K-20 Educational Network Board | 2002 – 2004:** Governed the statutory board designed to deliver scalable, secure, and cost-effective digital connectivity infrastructure to K-20 educational institutions statewide.
- **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CIOs | Executive Committee Board Member | 2002 – 2004:** Collaborated with state executives nationally to establish best practices for open government, institutional transparency, and multi-jurisdictional public procurement safety frameworks.
- **ARMADA | Strategic Advisor | 2023 – Present:** Collaborating with leadership to steer market priorities and optimize modern operational growth strategies.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

- **NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT | Substitute Teacher | 2023 – 2025:** Stepped up during critical regional educator shortages to support public schools, classrooms, and K-12 students via a Washington State Emergency Substitute Teaching Certificate.
- **WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY | Certified Peer Counselor:** Formally certified state health professional providing dedicated, peer-to-peer behavioral health, addiction recovery, and mental health recovery support systems.

EDUCATION & FORMAL CREDENTIALS

- **Master of Business Administration (MBA) –** Gonzaga University
- **Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting –** Lewis-Clark State College
- **Statutory Verifications (RCW 52.14.010):** Registered Voter (Chelan County); Resident (Fire Protection District No. 9).