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**Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue, Chelan County Fire District #9
Special Meeting Minutes
Station 91, 21696 Lake Wenatchee Hwy, Leavenworth, WA 98826
July 7th, 2026 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jhk-mbho-kos>
Or dial: (US) +1 470-735-3236 PIN: 443 354 979#

1. Board Members Present

With Commissioner Gibbs, Commissioner Payne calls the meeting to order with Commissioner Payne as the Commissioner Pro Tempore

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

We observed a moment of silence to honor the wildland firefighters killed in the Utah/Colorado wildfires.

3. Call to Order

Commissioner Payne, acting as Commissioner Protempore, called the meeting to order at 06:01pm.

4. Attendance

There were 25 people in attendance: 3 people on Zoom, 29 People in the meeting space.

Attendance in the meeting room at Station 91: Bill Burgess, Rebecca McMillian, Stuart McKee, Jimi Wilson, Mike Colwell, Joanne Stanford, Mike Stanford Sr., M. Stanford Jr., Rex McMillian, Jody Allen, Steve Allen, David Westin Millard, Matt Oaks, David Stoller, Dianne Patterson, Jan Janson, Amy Cox, Erin Colwell, Jim Passage, Mike Piroto, Morey Grooge, Ken Grooge, Lisi Ott, Tom Dancs, Bridget Dancs

4. Approval of Special Meeting Agenda

- **Motion:** Commissioner Payne requested motion to approve the July 7th, 2026 special meeting agenda
- **Second:** Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion
- **Discussion:** none
- **Determination:** Agenda Approved

5. Public Comment

Comments will be limited to **3 minutes**. *There are NO requirements in the OPMA, to read out loud comments provided in writing or to publish as part of the minutes.*

- No public comments

6. Staff and Financial Resolution Discussion

- **TOPIC:** The commissioners need to formally document acceptance of new engines with signatures and request reimbursement for sales tax paid.
 - **Motion:** Commissioner Payne requested motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 regarding self-reimbursement addressing Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2
 - **Second:** Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Vote:** In Favor
 - **Count For:** [2]
 - **Count Against:** [0]
 - **Abstained:** [0]
 - **Motion:** Passed
- **TOPIC:** The commissioners need to formally document staffing changes so that access to the county systems can be updated.
 - **Motion:** Commissioner Gibbs requested motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 re Appointment of Auditing Officers per RCW 42.24.180
 - **Second:** Commissioner Payne seconded the motion
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Vote:** In Favor
 - **Count For:** [2]
 - **Count Against:** [0]
 - **Abstained:** [0]
 - **Motion:** Passed
 - **Motion:** Commissioner Gibbs requested motion to have the Fire Chief Steve Foley, Assistant Fire Chief Kraig Peiguss, and Administrative Director Marisha Robinson to have access to the district's petty cash and credit card accounts.
 - **Second:** Commissioner Payne seconded the motion
 - **Discussion:**

- **Vote:** In Favor
 - **Count For:** [2]
 - **Count Against:** [0]
 - **Abstained:** [0]
 - **Motion:** Passed

7. Interviews

To preserve evaluation integrity, interviews were conducted between commissioners and each candidate individually in front of a public audience. Candidates that were not actively being interviewed were moved to a separate location.

[no notes were taken by the secretary during the interviews]

8. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), the board recessed into an executive session at 07:52pm to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to the open commissioner position. Commissioner Payne, Commissioner Gibbs, and Chief Foley were present. Executive session ended at 08:15pm.

9. Appointment of New Commissioner

The commissioners appointed a new commissioner.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Gibbs requested motion to appoint Stuart McKee immediately as a commissioner of Chelan County Fire Protection District 9, filling the vacancy left by Commissioner Lamar on June 3rd, 2026.
- **Second:** Commissioner Payne seconded the motion
- **Discussion:**
 - **Vote:** In Favor
 - **Count For:** [2]
 - **Count Against:** [0]
 - **Abstained:** [0]
 - **Motion:** Passed

10. Swearing in of New Commissioner

A formal Certificate of Appointment was executed for the newly appointed commissioner, Stuart McKee.

District Secretary Lee Miller executed the Oath of Office pursuant to RCW 52.14.070. In strict accordance with RCW 42.30.205 and RCW 42.56.150, all new commissioners must fully complete mandatory open government and public records training within ninety (90) days of taking office.



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11. Adjournment

- Following the special meeting, the board will send notice transmittals to the Chelan County Auditor's Elections Division and the Chelan County Board of Commissioners.

Attested: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Lee 3 M D", written over a horizontal line.