



June 16, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANS-SUBMITTAL & CERTIFIED MAIL

TO:

The Office of the Chelan County Auditor
Elections Division
Attn: The Honorable Brandt Cappell, Acting Auditor
350 Orondo Ave, Suite 301
Wenatchee, WA 98801

The Board of Chelan County Commissioners
Chelan County Administration Building
400 Douglas Ave #201
Wenatchee, WA 98801

SUBJECT: CO-NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVE BOARD VACANCY (POSITION A) AND PROSPECTIVE BOARD VACANCY (POSITION B) — CCFD9

Dear Acting Auditor Cappell and Chelan County Commissioners,

In compliance with the public notification policies of Chelan County and the statutory provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, this letter serves as the official, unified administrative notification that an active vacancy and a prospective vacancy exist or are impending on the Board of Fire Commissioners for Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 (Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue).

To preserve continuity of operations, maintain statutory quorums, and guarantee absolute public transparency, the Board has formally logged and integrated both transition tracks during a properly noticed public session on June 15, 2026. The specific statutory parameters for both positions are established as follows:

1. POSITION A (Active Vacancy — Lamar): On June 3, 2026, Commissioner Mick Lamar executed and delivered his formal written resignation from Board Position No. 1, effective immediately. Pursuant to RCW 42.12.070(1), this action formally initiated a strict ninety (90) day local board appointment window, which will expire on September 1, 2026.
2. POSITION B (Prospective Vacancy — Payne): In strict accordance with the prospective vacancy protocols of RCW 42.12.020, Commissioner Mike Payne has executed and filed his formal, written prospective resignation from his respective board seat, explicitly designated to



take effect upon the final adjournment of the regularly scheduled board meeting on July 16, 2026.

To protect local control and prevent a total collapse of the district's board quorum, the remaining members of the Board of Fire Commissioners have unanimously adopted a single, coordinated procurement framework (Active Candidate Pool) to fill both seats via an objective, sequential swearing-in process:

- Candidates for both vacancies are bound to a synchronized recruitment window opening June 16, 2026, and closing strictly on June 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM PST.
- Standardized, open public candidate examinations will be conducted during a Special Session on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Station 91.
- To maintain a legal board quorum, the successful candidate selected for Position A will be formally appointed and legally sworn into office on July 7, 2026.
- The successful candidate selected for Position B will be formally voted upon and appointed during the Regular Board Meeting on July 16, 2026, matching the exact effective hour of Commissioner Payne's vacancy.

Pursuant to RCW 42.12.070(6), both selected appointees will serve short-term transitional terms ending upon the official certification of the next district general election in November 2027, at which point special elections will determine the permanent successors to fulfill the remainders of the unexpired terms.

The District will provide prompt updates to your respective divisions immediately upon the execution of each successful appointment and administration of the Oath of Office. Please direct all official county correspondence regarding this dual transition to the Office of the District Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Respectfully Submitted,

District Secretary / Recording Officer
Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9

cc: Fire Chief Framework Files / Permanent District Minutes Index