



**Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue, Chelan County Fire District #9
Special Meeting Agenda
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>
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STATUTORY PURPOSE STATEMENT (RCW 42.30.080)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is limited to the following actions: Addressing organizational logistics and business needs, interviewing candidates for the commissioner candidate pool, voting to select a candidate to fill the vacancy generated by Commissioner Lamar's resignation, and swearing in the new commissioner to bring the board to a full 3-person board.

No formal board actions or vote regarding a second commissioner shall occur until the regularly scheduled board meeting on July 16, 2026, following the effective time of Commissioner Payne's resignation.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2 MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Designate Presiding Officer Pro-Tem to call the meeting to order, followed by official recording of attending board members and staff to establish physical quorum parameters.

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Board review and formal motion to lock the evening's order of business.

Statutory Compliance Note: Pursuant to the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.080), final board discussions and actions are strictly confined to items explicitly set forth on this published notice.



5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

An open forum for district taxpayers and residents to provide verbal input regarding the proposed joint board vacancy procurement guidelines, criteria, and recruitment timelines. Comments are strictly limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

6. STAFF AND FINANCIAL RESOLUTION DISCUSSION

In an open public meeting, the commissioners intend to address organizational needs regarding the following topics:

- a. Official acceptance of new wildland urban interface engines with reimbursement request for sales tax. Includes Resolution 26-06 re self-reimbursement addressing Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.
- b. Resolution 26-07 re Appointment of Auditing Officers per RCW 42.24.180
- c. Access for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Administrative Director to have access to the district petty cash account and credit cards.

7. INTERVIEWS

To preserve evaluation integrity, all candidates shall be interviewed individually and sequentially, with other applicants required to remain completely outside the physical meeting room until their designated examination block concludes. All candidates shall be asked identical core baseline questions from the evaluation matrix as listed in the vacancy notice at www.lwfr.org/vacancy.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), the board may recess into an executive session during the July 7th and July 16th meetings to evaluate the qualifications of candidates. However, all final assessments, debates, nominations, motions, and votes must occur exclusively in open, public sessions.

9. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONER

To execute an appointment, a sitting commissioner possessing active voting rights must introduce a formal motion in open session to appoint a specific candidate, followed by a second. The presiding officer shall order a mandatory verbal roll-call vote. The new commissioner must be appointed by a unanimous vote of Commissioners Payne and Gibbs.

10. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Immediately upon a successful vote, a formal Certificate of Appointment shall be executed. The selected candidate must execute the Oath of Office with the District Secretary 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 courtesy notice transmittals to the Chelan County Auditor's Elections Division and the Chelan County Board of Commissioners.

This official notice and agenda have been delivered and physically posted a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours preceding the commencement of the meeting to all members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, media entities requesting notification, the LWFR official website (LWFR.org), and the main public entryway of Station 91, in strict conformity with the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.080).