

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2025

Chair Scott Isenman called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Bruce Alward, Tim Carey, John De Lanoy, and Fritz von Ibsch; Fire Chief Jared Moravec; Deputy Chief Jeremy Mendola; Human Resources Manager Shannon Webber; and Finance Manager Ed Kaufman.

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rakesh Bharania, Island resident, thanked the Board for their support of the Drone Team and for allowing the Drone Team to be part of the prescribed burn training event at Bloedel Reserve.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Bloedel Reserve Prescribed Burn: DC Mendola briefed the Board on the prescribed burn at Bloedel Reserve on August 25th. Conditions were perfect for the burn. A 1.25-acre unit in the meadow was successfully burned. The burn was attended by 11 BIFD personnel, including 4 volunteer firefighters, as well as staff from Poulsbo Fire, Bloedel Reserve and the Drone Team. The Drone Team has been included in Kitsap 911's dispatch protocol as Drone 21.
- Type 3 Engine Update: DC Mendola provided a status update on the Type 3 Engine build. Final punch list items are being addressed with delivery of the Engine due by the end of September.
- Bainbridge Prepares Updates: Chief Moravec briefed the Board on recent news from Bainbridge Prepares including: the naming of a new Executive Director, Dominique Cantwell; and, the WASH Team (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) has been recognized by the International Association of Emergency Managers with a national award.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Moravec noted the landing of a Blackhawk helicopter on the BIFD helipad on August 26th. The Army had contacted BIFD about using a landing at Station 21 for training purposes.

Chief Moravec updated the Board on a recent meeting he had with COBI Public Works regarding the Eagle Harbor Drive closure and traffic changes being implemented for the opening of Bainbridge schools on September 2nd. The Chief also discussed a meeting with WSDOT regarding the proposed roundabout at High School Road and 305. This project is in the early planning stages. Fire Marshal Jackie Purviance attended both of these meetings with the Chief.

Commissioner Isenman gave an update on the Pre-Hospital Technical Advisory Committee and discussed the presentation at the recent KFCA meeting on August 26th.

Commissioner Carey noted the FDA had approved the COVID 19 vaccination today with restrictions.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 37100 through 37109 totaling \$111,294.24, Meeting Minutes 8/13/25). Commissioner von Ibsch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner De Lanoy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Board Chair

Chief Moravec noted the Board practice of selecting a Board Chair to serve from July 1 to the following June 30. This practice was instituted by the Board to allow for smooth transitions during election years for Commissioners. Commissioner Alward nominated Commissioner von Ibsch to serve as Chair. Commissioner Carey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner von Ibsch will begin serving as Board Chair upon conclusion of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

September 10th, 2025