

# **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026

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

### AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Island resident Rakesh Bharania noted that current BOC meeting agendas are not visible on the Board of Commissioner web page. The Agendas are visible on the BIFD.ORG main web page.

Island resident Pascal Schuback thanked BIFD for integrating the Bainbridge Prepares Drone Team with training of BIFD personnel.

Commissioner Isenman thanked Mr. Schuback for facilitating the acquisition of table and chairs for the Department.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Alward discussed his work with the COBI Subcommittee on the proposed Highway 305 and High School Road roundabout.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Recent Fire Mobilization: Chief Moravec briefed the Board on BIFD's deployment to the Tucannon Fire and the Garred Road Fire, both in eastern Washington. Crews on the Tucannon Fire returned safely with Brush 21 on June 20<sup>th</sup> and crews on the Garred Road Fire are expected back in the next several days. These are the Department's first deployments of the 2026 wildfire season.
- Type 3 Engine Push-In Ceremony: Chief Moravec noted the upcoming "push-in" ceremony for the Department's new Type 3 Engine, to be held at 1:00 PM on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Nolta Loop Dedication: Chief Moravec provided a recap of the Nolt Loop Dedication, honoring longtime Department member Assistant Chief Gary Nolta. Chief Nolta was a member of the Department for nearly 60 years and led the addressing program for Bainbridge Island for many decades.
- Personnel Updates: Chief Moravec noted the completion of probation by Firefighter/EMTs Charlie Hennessy and Carl Smith. He also noted the promotion of FF/EMT Fletcher Gaydos to Lieutenant.
- KCFTC Recruit Academy 26-1 Graduation. Chief Moravec briefed the Board on the graduation from the KCFTC Fire Academy of Recruit Firefighter Eric Russell.
- Kitsap County Assessor Presentation Recap: Finance Manager Kaufman provided a summary of Kitsap County Assessor Phil Cook's presentation to the KCFCA on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Preliminary tax assessed value (TAV) data for 2027 shows Bainbridge Island

TAV with an increase of 0.78% over 2026. It is noted that BIFD can increase its Fire Levy up to the CPI index limit for 2027 due to voter approved levy lid lift in 2025.

### CONSENT AGENDA

(Voucher numbers 37855 through 37894 totaling \$251,040.00, Meeting Minutes 6/10/26). Commissioner Isenman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Alward seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### BUSINESS AGENDA

#### 1. Chief of Operations Job Description

Chief Moravec requested approval of a reworked Chief of Operations job description. This position would hold the rank of Assistant Chief and would be 2<sup>nd</sup> in command at BIFD. This position would be responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of all emergency response operations, including deployment, staffing, incident command systems, and operational readiness. This is the first step in replacing the Deputy Chief command model with two Assistant Chief positions. Commissioner Alward moved to approve the Chief of Operations job description as presented. Commissioner De Lanoy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Board Chair Selection

Chair von Ibsch led a discussion of appointment of a new Board Chair. It has been the practice of the Board to select a new Chair in June, for a one-year term running July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Commissioner Carey nominated Commissioner Isenman to serve as Board Chair. Commissioner von Ibsch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:28 PM, Commissioner von Ibsch called for an Executive Session to last for 10 minutes. The Executive Session was called for collective bargaining planning per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

At 5:38, the Executive Session was extended by five minutes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Submitted by:



Jared Moravec, Board Secretary

Approved

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026