

REDMOND FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 15, 2026

BOARD PRESENT: President Jessica Meyer, Vice President John Blanton, Secretary/Treasurer Earl Fisher, Member Gary Ollerenshaw, and Member Dick Knorr.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Chief Dustin Miller, Human Resources Manager Diane Cox, Fire Marshal Tom Mooney, Chief of Training Tim Craig, Administrative Assistant Katie Annen, Battalion Chief Steve Fiero, HR/Payroll Specialist Jessica Jackson appeared electronically.

STAFF ABSENT: Fire Chief Ryan Herrera

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: President Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

ROLL CALL: All present.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

PACKET DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION:

Member Meyer noted that June call volume was particularly high. Chief Miller stated that it exceeded the district's busiest month in 2025.

Member Fisher inquired regarding ambulance billing and the department's annual write-off amount. HR Manager Cox stated that bills are written off for various reasons and that the requested figures will be provided at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026

Board Member Fisher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ollerenshaw and approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS:

On behalf of Chief Herrera, Chief Miller gave the Board a report on the following topics:

1. Personnel

Long-term leave currently accounts for 4.8% of the workforce, the lowest percentage recorded since tracking began in 2024.

2. Recognitions

Captain Beth Mitchell retired after twenty (20) years of service with the district. Engineer Nate Simonson resigned after nearly fourteen (14) years of service to accept a position in Montana. Firefighter Jackson Bushnell was promoted to Engineer on B Shift after serving in a relief capacity.

3. Thank you

Chief Miller noted that the Fourth of July weekend was exceptionally busy and thanked Battalion Chief Josh Clark and all personnel who were on shift. Crews responded to multiple structure and brush fires throughout the district. Battalion Chief Clark's prompt actions and leadership contributed to successful outcomes with no reported injuries.

Member Blanton asked how many fires were caused by fireworks. Chief Mooney stated that most were fireworks-related and reported that he attended the City Council meeting, where a fireworks ban was discussed.

Chief Miller thanked Aaron St. John for coordinating the memorial honoring Michael Kienzle and recognized the many internal and external participants who assisted with the event. A complete list of agencies and individuals involved will be compiled so we can send them cards.

Michael's family expressed appreciation for the honor and respect shown during the service and the comfort they felt knowing he was deeply valued by his fire service family. The fallen firefighter honors portion of the memorial further reflected the legacy he leaves behind.

Chief Miller recognized Chief Herrera for his continued support of Michael, Lisa, and Logan from the time of Michael's diagnosis through the memorial. Chief Herrera assisted with the GoFundMe, meal train, housing arrangements in Washington, and numerous behind-the-scenes efforts.

Member Meyer asked Chief Mooney about the City Council meeting. Chief Mooney stated that four (4) councilors support a fireworks ban and two (2) do not, and that a draft ordinance is expected at the first Council meeting in August. The Board briefly discussed a potential fireworks ban. Member Meyer asked whether the cause of the Coyner fire was known, and Chief Mooney stated that it was caused by illegal fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Fisher expressed appreciation for the work completed in preparation for the Kienzle memorial and thanked the VFW and all those involved in placing the flags.

Member Ollerenshaw stated that the ceremony was respectful and well done.

Member Blanton stated that the ceremony was well done and that everyone involved should be proud. He noted the strong representation from citizens and organizations across Oregon and expressed appreciation for Chief Herrera.

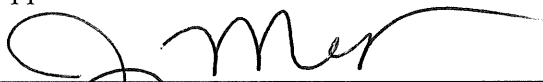
Member Ollerenshaw expressed concern regarding the paperwork and time required for Lisa to receive benefits to support her and Logan.

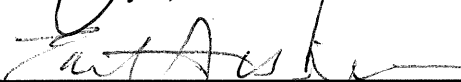
**BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:**

President Meyer expressed her appreciation for Chief Herrera, the organization, and all who supported the Kienzle family. She noted that members should feel confident they will be cared for in difficult circumstances and that the situation demonstrated the strength of everyone working together.

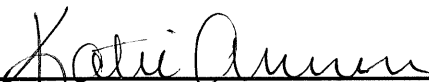
ADJOURN: Being no further business, Board Member Fisher moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ollerenshaw and was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

Approved:

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|  | August 19, 2026 |
| _____<br>Jessica Meyer, President                                                   | _____<br>Date   |

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|  | August 19, 2026 |
| _____<br>Earl Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer                                           | _____<br>Date   |

Attest:

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|  | August 19, 2026 |
| _____<br>Katie Annen, Administrative Assistant II                                   | _____<br>Date   |