

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE

February 9, 2026

Location: Philomath Fire & Rescue

Regular Session Board Meeting

3:00 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL- The Philomath Fire & Rescue Board of Directors Regular Session Board Meeting was called to order by President Rick Brand at 15:00. Board members present included President Rick Brand, Vice President Daphne Phillips Treasurer Ken Corbin and Matt Kennedy via Zoom. Absent Board Members included: Joe Brier. Philomath Fire & Rescue staff in attendance included: Chief Chancy Ferguson, Operations Chief Dan Eddy, Captain Bovbjerg, Andrew Licon, and Office Administrator Ashley Scott. Guests included Mike & Susan Brown, City Council Fire Liaison Diane Crocker, Phil Burkum and Greg Phelps.
- II. PAUSE REGULAR SESSION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (SEE THAT AGENDA FOR DETAILS)- 15:02.
- III. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – 15:31.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Minutes- January 12, 2026, Regular Session
 - b. Bills – January
 - c. Chief Vacation Hours

Phillips moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Corbin.
Discussion: None.
Voting results 4-0. Passes with a quorum present:
Brand: In Favor
Phillips: In Favor
Corbin: In Favor
Kennedy: In Favor
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

1. Board Report

- Review Board Calendar
 - Appreciation Dinner- February 28, 2026
 - Volunteer Association Meeting- February (Corbin) April (Brier)
 - East Lincoln County Discussion and Safety Committee gave an in depth report.
 - Chief Check In- February (Brier) scheduled.
- 2. Fire Chief Report – Included in the Board Packet and highlights discussed by Chief Ferguson. Highlights included: East Lincoln Mutual Aid Agreement discussion- currently no mutual aid agreement in place, their district boundaries and levy coordination.
- 3. Operations Chief Report- Included in the Board Packet and highlights discussed by Ops Chief Eddy. Highlights included: Roll over to the new database allowed the first incident of the year to disappear 68 calls for service including 57 EMS Calls, major calls, structure fires that ended up being burn complaints, cold weather caused two fire sprinkler malfunctions. Captain Bovbjerg pivoted to give crews extra training on those situations. Chief Ferguson discussed continued effort to make connections with Alsea Rural Fire Protection District.
- 4. Office Administrator Financial Report- Included in the Board Packet and highlights discussed by Scott. Highlights included: Budget season is beginning, still transitioning to new accounting software and levy preparations.

VII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Volunteer Association – no representative or report submitted.
2. IAFF Local 4925 – Report included in the Board Packet and highlights discussed by President Andrew Licon. March will bring Union contract to Board for approval.
3. City Council Liaison- Diane Crocker discussed City's Strategic Priorities. Putting up emergency fuel location through a grant- a variety of concerns were discussed with the raised location- At Philomath Fire & Rescue. Emergency evacuations are currently City Council decision, Chief Ferguson asked for that authority be delegated to the Police Chief. Board thanked Diane for joining us as our connection to City.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Levy Update (Resolution 26-02) - Chief Ferguson discussed the levy packet.
Phillips moved to approve Resolution 26-02 and Exhibits as written. Seconded by Kennedy.

Discussion: Brand read Resolution 26-02 in its entirety. Phillips thanked the team for their work on all the documentation and preparation.

Voting results 4-0. Passes with a quorum present:

Brand: In Favor

Phillips: In Favor

Corbin: In Favor

Kennedy: In Favor

2. Philomath Community Vision 2050 Board Liaison- Scott
Consensus was given to appoint Daphne Phillips to be the Philomath Community Vision 2050 Liaison for Philomath Fire & Rescue at the first meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future of Wren Station (202) Discussion- Chief Ferguson

Phillips moved to approve President Rick Brand to sign the Lease Expiration and Termination Agreement as presented. Seconded by Corbin.

Discussion: Included Phillips thanking the Brown's for their contribution to the department for past and looking forward to the future potential for property in the Wren area.

Voting results 4-0. Passes with a quorum present:

Brand: In Favor

Phillips: In Favor

Corbin: In Favor

Kennedy: In Favor

Consensus was given to Chief Ferguson to discuss future lease options for a future station Wren Station.

2. Appoint Budget Officer- Scott

Brand moved to approve Chief Ferguson as the 2026-2027 Budget Officer. Seconded by Phillips.

Discussion: None.

Voting results 4-0. Passes with a quorum present:

Brand: In Favor

Phillips: In Favor

Corbin: In Favor

Kennedy: In Favor

3. Appoint Budget Committee- Scott

Corbin moved to approve Rick Brand, Daphne Phillips, Ken Corbin, Joe Brier, Matt Kennedy, Anton Grube, Greg Phelps, Van Hunsaker, Josh Stewart, and Christopher McMorran as Philomath Fire & Rescue's 2026-2027 Budget Committee. Seconded by Brand.

Discussion: None.

Voting results 4-0. Passes with a quorum present:

Brand: In Favor

Phillips: In Favor

Corbin: In Favor

Kennedy: In Favor

4. Fire Board Liaison to other fire local fire districts- Brand discussed the necessity to meet with the others on a regular basis. This will be added to the March Agenda to discuss further.

X. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Reach out to Riverstrong to create an executive summary- Scott
- b. Future of Wren discussion with Brown's- Chief Ferguson

XI. NEXT MEETING – March 9, 2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 16:30.

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**Location: Philomath Fire & Rescue
1035 Main St, Philomath, OR 97370
3 pm (after Roll Call of Regular Session Meeting)
Executive Session Board Meeting**

ORS 192.660(2) (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL- The Philomath Fire & Rescue Board of Directors Executive Session was called to order by President Rick Brand at 15:02. Board members present included: President Rick Brand, Vice President Daphne Phillips on Zoom, Treasurer Ken Corbin, and Matt Kennedy. Invited parties included Chief Chancy Ferguson, Operations Chief Dan Eddy, Office Administrator Ashley Scott. Mike Brown and Susan Brown invited into Executive Session at 15:13.
- II. DISCUSSION- was limited to statute sited materials.
- III. ADJOURNMENT- 15:29.