



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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## Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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**October 22, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Call to Order

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Paul Messner at 6:00 pm. The public was able to participate remotely through Facebook Live.

### Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners Steve Hutchinson, Cheryl Engle, Paul Messner, Fire Chief Jerry Helm, Division Chief Chris Geiger, Division Chief James Meek, and Finance Officer Cathy Niiro.

Public in Attendance: Kasen Helm

### Consensus Approval of the Agenda

Chair Paul Messner received consensus approval of the agenda.

### Input from the Public

None.

### New Business

1. Proposed 2025 Budget presentation was made by Chief Jerry Helm. There is 16.65% increase from 2024 to 2025 attributed to the expected hiring of four new firefighters, a 7% increase in health Insurance premiums and an increased in dues to ICOM.

### Good of the Order

### Regular Meeting

November 14, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm

**Location: Station 53, 1164 Race Rd., Coupeville, WA**

There being no further business, Commissioner Paul Messner adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Submitted,

*Cathy Niiro*

Cathy Niiro, Secretary