

MACECOM Governance Board Minutes

~~September 8~~ August 11, 2026
JL 50 W Rose Nye Way 3:00 pm

Present:

Commissioner Pete Butkus, Central Mason Fire/EMS
Commissioner Pat Tarzwell, Mason County
Sheriff Ryan Spurling, Mason County Sheriff's Office
Chief Doug Smith, Skokomish Police
Chief Ed Harrold, Squaxin Police
Chief Stan Loertscher, Mason County Fire Chiefs
Commissioner Kelly Frazier, Mason County Fire Commissioners
Councilmember Eric Onisko, City of Shelton
Lt. Nate Birkliid, Mason County Sheriff's Office
Chief Brandon Searles, Central Mason Fire/EMS

MACECOM Staff:

Executive Director, Joe Schmit
Deputy Director, Carrie Robson
PST: Tiffany Morrison

Guests:

Jack Morgan

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Pete Butkus and introductions were made around the room.
2. Councilmember Eric Onisko moved to approve the minutes of the August 2026 Governance Board meeting as presented. Commissioner Pat Tarzwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Director's Report:
 - a. Operations and Staffing: Deputy Director Carrie Robson gave an update on staffing, OT, new hires, shifts, upcoming interviewing and commendations. Executive Director gave an update on call type and volume.
 - b. Capital Projects: Executive Director Joe Schmit gave an update on phones and network testing, CAD migration, City facility UPS failure, relocation and Zetron.
 - c. Current Budget Status: An overview of current budget status was provided.
 - d. TY2027 Budget: No major changes were made from the last presentation.
 - e. Looking Ahead:
4. Public Comment: None
5. Director Employment Contract: Proposed changes were made with regards to years of contract and rewording of cause clause. Commissioner Pat Tarzwell made motion to move the updated employment contract with recommendation to pass to the Legislative Board. Councilmember Eric Onisko seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Governance Board approves the changes by the Legislative Board and the contract as presented.
6. Good of the Order: Oysterfest was discussed.

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7. Next meeting will be October 13, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at 50 W Rose Nye Way.
8. Adjourn: With no further business, Councilmember Eric Onisko moved to adjourn, Commissioner Pat Tarzwell seconded, motion carried. Chair Pete Butkus adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted
by: Jann Lusignan

Approved by:

Pete Butkus, Central Mason Fire/EMS

Pat Tarzwell, Commissioner, Mason County

Ryan Spurling, Sheriff, Mason County Sheriff's Office

Doug Smith, Chief, Skokomish Police

Ed Harrold, Chief, Squaxin Police

Stan Loertscher, Chief, Mason County Fire Chiefs

Kelly Frazier, Commissioner, Mason County Fire Commissioners

Eric Onisko, Councilmember, City of Shelton

Nate Birklid, Lieutenant, Mason County Sheriff

Brandon Searles, Chief, Central Mason Fire/EMS

DANIEL PATTON, CHIEF, CITY OF SHELTON

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