MACECOM Governance Board Minutes

October 13, 2026
Shelton Civic Center 3:00 pm

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

MACECOM Staff:
Executive Director, Joe Schmit

Deputy Director, Carrie Robson
Office Manager, Jann Lusignan
Public Safety System Manager, Chris Huss
PST: Tiffany Morrison, Rachael Brenner, Heather Rooks

Guests:
Chiefs Mike Brown (FPD 12), Greg Rudolph (SMF), Beau Bakken (NMRFA), Greg Seals (WMF), Michael Sexton (Hoodsport); Mark Ziegler, Jack Morgan and Donnie Rooks

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Pete Butkus and introductions were made around the room.

2. Commissioner Pat Tarzwell moved to approve the minutes of the September 2026 Governance Board meeting as presented. Councilmember Eric Onisco seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report:
   a. Operations and Staffing: Deputy Director Carrie Robson gave an update on staffing, OT, and shifts.
   b. Capital Projects: Executive Director Joe Schmit gave an update on Carbyne, Flex server migration, and relocation.
   c. Current Budget Status: An overview of current budget status was provided.
   d. FY 2027 Budget: Line items that were changed from the last presentation were provided and reviewed to help bring down costs which would affect user fees.
   e. Looking Ahead: Nothing.

4. MACECOM Futures Discussion: Chair Pet Butkus provided a memo of topics to talk about. Executive Director Joe Schmit has provided his resignation effective October 31, 2026. Discussion occurred with regards to how to proceed. Councilmember Eric Onisko made motion to appoint Carrie Robson as Interim Executive Director for six months starting October 16, 2026. Commissioner Pat Tarzwell seconded the motion with an amendment of the time to 120 days with option for extension, subject to discussion of modification and discussion as necessary. Councilmember Eric Onisko seconded Commissioner Pat Tarzwell's

amendment. Motion carried. Sheriff Ryan Spurling made motion to appoint a sub-committee to do a climate survey of all MACECOM employees and the union. Commissioner Pat Tarzwell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. It was decided that a motion did not need to be made.

5. Good of the Order: Commissioner Kelly Frazier announced he will be stepping down from his position as Fire Commissioner with CMFE which will mean he will not be on the Boards with MACECOM next year. Joe Schmit was thanked and recognized for all the technology upgrades and changes he made while in his position.

6. Next meeting will be November 10, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Shelton Civic Center.

7. Adjourn: With no further business, Commissioner Kelly Frazier moved to adjourn, Councilmember Eric Onisko seconded, motion carried. Chair Pete Butkus adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Minutes Submitted
by: Jann Lusignan

Approved by:

Pete Butkus, Central Mason Fire/EMS

Eric Onisko, Councilmember, City of Shelton

Pat Tarzwell, Commissioner, Mason County

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