# MACECOM Governance Board Minutes

August 11, 2026
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 Birklid, Mason County Sheriff's Office
Chief Dan Patton, Shelton Police Department
Chief Brandon Searles, Central Mason Fire/EMS
Sgt. Brian Spera, Mason County Sheriff's Office

**MACECOM Staff:**
Executive Director, Joe Schmit
Deputy Director, Carrie Robson
Office Manager, Jann Lusignan
PST's: Tiffany Morrison

**Guests:**
Donnie Rooks, IAFF
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. Chief Doug Smith moved to approve the minutes of the July 2026 Governance Board meeting as presented. Councilmember Eric Onisko 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, upcoming interviewing, and commendations. Executive Director Joe Schmit gave a report on call volume and AI.
    b. Capital Projects: Update on Zetron improvements was provided. Network end to end phone system should start in a week or so. Spillman hardware and GIS updates were given as well. Still working on relocation.
    c. Current Budget Status: An overview of current budget status was provided.
    d. TY2027 Budget: Draft user fee figures and FY 2027 budget was reviewed and discussed.
    e. Looking Ahead:

4. Public Comment: Donnie Rooks, IAFF, addressed the Board.

5. Director Employment Contract: Chief Dan Patton wanted to go on record that he had concern about just cause clause not going into more depth and length on contract. Commissioner Kelly Frazier moved to accept the employment contract as presented. Councilmember Eric Onisko seconded the motion. The Governance Board approves sending the employment contract on to the Legislative Board for approval.

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6. Good of the Order: Sheriff Ryan Spurling announced that Lt. Nate Birklid will become the next Undersheriff shortly due to a retirement. Two lieutenants have been promoted which are Brian Spera and Tim Ripp.

7. Next meeting will be September 8, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at 50 W Rose Nye Way.

8. Adjourn: With no further business, Commissioner Pat Tarzwell moved to adjourn, Chief Brandon Searles seconded, motion carried. Chair Pete Butkus adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes Submitted
by: Jann Lusignan

Approved by:

Pete Butkus, Central Mason Fire/EMS

Pat Tarzwell, Commissioner, Mason County

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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

Dan Patton, Chief, Shelton Police Department

Brandon Searles, Chief, Central Mason Fire/EMS