



Kitsap 911 Board of Directors Retreat on February 11, 2026

Kitsap 911, 911 Carver Street, Bremerton, WA 98312

ATTENDING:

Board of Directors:

David Ellingson, Fire Commissioner (Chair)
Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo Mayor
John Gese, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
Clarence Moriwaki, City of Bainbridge Island
Bob Muhleman, Fire Commissioner
Gerald Preuss, Fire Commissioner
Oran Root, Kitsap County Commissioner
Jane Rebelowski, City of Bremerton
Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner
Katie Walters, Kitsap County Commissioner

Staff:

Maria Jameson-Owens, Executive Director
Brandon Wecker, Deputy Director
Rachael Taylor, Human Resources Manager
Steve Rogers, Finance Manager
John Higashi, Technical Services Manager
Barrie Hillman, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Jennifer Chamberlin, City of Bremerton
Rob Putaansuu, City of Port Orchard
Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton Mayor (Vice Chair)

Guests:

Chief Joe Clark, Bainbridge Island Police Department

Chief Rick LaGrandeur, North Kitsap Fire & Rescue

Call to Order: Chair David Ellingson called the meeting to order at 1244.

Additions:

None.

Discussion and Analysis of the Board Composition and Effectiveness Study

Board members and staff participated in exercises and discussions for prioritizing areas for improvement and identifying recommendations to consider implementing in 2026. The identified areas of focus are on better articulating the role of the Board and considering reducing the size of the Board.

Board Self-Evaluation

Board members conducted a self-evaluation and agreed they are meeting established Board of Director Expectations.

Discussion of the 2025 Actual Financials

Board members discussed aspects of Kitsap 911's 2025 Actual Financials with Finance Manager, Steve Rogers, Board members used this opportunity to ask questions and gain more clarity on the financials.

2026 Board Work Plan

Executive Director, Maria Jameson-Owens summarized the work accomplished by the Board in 2025 and Deputy Director Brandon Wecker shared the work plan for 2026. The Board had no edits for the work plan.

2026 Tech Goals and Projects

Director of Technology, John Higashi, reviewed the list of 2026 projects for the Technology Services Group.

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Chair Ellingson confirmed that the retreat was a productive exercise.

The Meeting adjourned at 1356.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kitsap 911 Board of Directors is March 3, 2026, at 1230 Virtually or In-Person at Norm Dicks Government Chambers.