



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 14, 2025

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Biondo called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 9:00 a.m., on May 14, 2025, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross, Dearborn, and Duffy.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe announced the service awards for April and the recent retirements.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes April 9, 2025

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

E. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Newman

Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F. Fire Chief's District Report- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted.

2. There was discussion regarding the joint meeting agenda. Commissioner Cross recognized our MERT team for a job well done for the MERT drill. Commissioner Dearborn thanked staff for attending the fallen officers event in Collier County.

G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Tim Sims

Chairman Sims reported there is a potential for 15 members leaving in the next 4 years and 18 people possibly leaving in the next 10-15 years. Commissioner Cross suggested getting an actuarial study for specific scenarios. Commissioner Cherney suggested this would enable the District to earmark increases due to market changes in reserves.

Cross requested the District's health insurance broker attend the joint meeting to discuss combining health insurance coverage.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

No Report.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grant Update- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer gave an update on District grants and the Yacono grant.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve us sponsoring the [Yacono] grant application as described by Chief Bauer subject to Laura Donaldson legal review and her comfortability with the fact that we are insulated from liability. Duffy seconded. Motion was rescinded.



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Laura Donaldson expressed concern that the contract is a blank boilerplate and the District would have to provide Ms. Yacono the funds and then be reimbursed by FDEM. There was discussion to amend the agreement with FDEM and execute an agreement between the District and Ms. Yacono eliminating all liability to the District.

Commissioner Cross moved to direct the Chief to work with Laura Donaldson and Ms. Yacono to draft a contract where Ms. Yacono agrees that she assumes all risk related to the FDEM we are not obligated to provide funds to her unless and until FDEM approves it and it's on her to get FDEM approval. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Chief Wolfe confirmed that in the interest of time, the Board is authorizing him to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion passed 4-0. (Commissioner Cherney absent for vote)

B. AIW- Owner Advisor Services- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Owners Advisor Service by Chief Bauer.

Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed 4-0 (Commissioner Cherney absent for vote).

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Revised Procurement Policy- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the revised Procurement Policy #301 with the following amendment to Article 2 Authority of the Chief: The Fire Chief is authorized to approve purchases of goods and services for invoices up to and including \$50,000 for purchases that are included in the annual budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners must approve all purchases for invoices for any unbudgeted expenditure over \$25,000 or any annual budgeted expenditure above \$50,000 regardless of whether formal competition is or is not required under Article 3 below. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Commissioner Cherney absent for vote)

B. AIW- Resolution 2025-001 Adoption of the 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve Resolution 2025-001 to adopt the 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. Public Input Not Listed on the Published Agenda

None

D. Comments by Commissioners

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cherney moved to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.