

APPROVED MINUTES
TRI-BOARD MEETING
GREATER NAPLES, NORTH COLLIER, AND IMMOKALEE FIRE DISTRICTS
MAY 28, 2025 2:00 PM
Heritage Bay Government Center
15450 Collier Blvd. Naples, FL 34120

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairmen Biondo, Lombardo, and Brister called to order the Tri-Board meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District, and Immokalee Fire Control District at 2:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025 at the Heritage Bay Government Center. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross, Dearborn, Duffy, Lombardo, Feder, Calamari, Burke, Crossan, Brister, Halman, Keen and Goodnight.

A. Fire Chief Opening Statements

Fire Chiefs Wolfe, Ricardo, and Choate addressed the Boards with their opening statements.

B. Collaborative Strategies- Discussion

There was discussion regarding challenges with the legislature and how further consolidation would affect outcomes. There was consensus to explore opportunities to collaborate in areas including, but not limited to procurement, building new stations, mental health services, and insurance coverage. Attorney Laura Donaldson recommended that each board delegate a member to participate in a committee during their next individual board meeting. This committee will work with Union representatives to explore best practices for collaboration and report back to their respective boards.

C. Feasibility Study for Future Collaboration/Consolidation- Discussion

This was not discussed.

D. Public Comment

Kerri Sisson of Hub International spoke on previous attempts to combine health insurance across Districts. She indicated that while there may be potential benefits, a comprehensive analysis would be required. She advised the process would likely take 3 to 5 years.

Jamie Merchant, Legislative Aide to Yvette Benarroch, addressed the board and expressed support for the Districts on behalf of Representative Benarroch.

Wayne Martin, a Greater Naples resident, raised concerns regarding the differences in millage rates among the Districts.

Kathy Curatolo, a representative from the Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA), suggested that Greater Naples adopt North Collier's plan review process.

E. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the opportunity to explore further collaborative efforts among the Districts.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn the meeting for Greater Naples Fire Rescue District.

Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Calamari moved to adjourn

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the meeting for North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District. Commissioner Feder seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Halman moved to adjourn the meeting for Immokalee Fire Control District. Commissioner Goodnight seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.