



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2025
9:00 AM

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Biondo called to order the regular meeting of Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 9:00 a.m., on October 8, 2025, at the Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cross, Cherney, Dearborn and Duffy.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

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

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe announced the retirement of Lt. Inspector Mike Bays (absent).
2. Fire Chief Wolfe announced the service awards for September.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes September 10, 2025
2. GNFD Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes September 10, 2025
3. GNFD Final Budget Hearing Minutes September 24, 2025
4. Disposition of Fixed Assets 25-002

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

E. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Commissioner Cross requested to look into maximizing interest earnings. At the direction of Fire Chief Wolfe, Finance Director Polanco will put together an investment policy to address this. *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

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

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

No report- Chairman Sims not present. Commissioner Cross inquired about actuarial projections. Fire Chief Wolfe noted they will be forwarded to the Board.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Justin Humphrey

No report- President Humphrey not present



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II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mile Marker 63 Discussion- Fire Chief Wolfe

Topics of discussion included letter to the local delegation, placement of EMS transport unit, and pending agreement with Collier County.

- B. AIW- Regular BOFC Meeting Schedule- Remaining 2025 and 2026- Chief of Staff Chesser**
Chief of Staff Chesser presented AIW as submitted. Commissioner Duffy initiated discussion to change meeting time to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate the public. *Commissioner Cherney moved to approve the holding of the regular monthly Board of Fire Commissioner meetings on the dates as outlined, at the Fire and Life Safety venue for the remainder of 2025 and 2026, with a caveat, meeting time will be at 5:00 pm. with the exception of the September 9th meeting which will follow the budget meeting. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* There was clarification that all meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. *Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

- C. AIW- Resolution 2025-17 SAFER Grant Authorization- Deputy Chief Bauer**
Deputy Chief Bauer presented AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the SAFER Grant award in the amount of \$2,815,233.89, approve the required cost share of \$1,750,010.26, and adopt Resolution 2025-17 authorizing the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Chiefs to execute all documents related to SAFER Grant #EMW-2024-FF-01521. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

- D. AIW- Resolution 2025-18 FY 25-26 Budget Amendment- Finance Director Polanco**
Finance Director Polanco presented AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to adopt Resolution 2025-18 as presented. Commissioner Cherney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

- E. AIW- Collective Bargaining- Promotional Plan Phase 2 MOU- Deputy Chief Diaz**
Deputy Chief Diaz presented AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the MOU-Promotional Plan Phase 2. Chairman Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

- F. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda**
None

- G. Comments by Commissioners**
There was discussion for future collaboration with North Collier and Immokalee Fire Districts regarding insurance costs. Fire Chief Wolfe offered to send an email to Chief Ricardo to start the discussion.



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IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned.