



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026
5:00 PM

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Biondo called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:01 p.m., on January 14, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Cherney, Cross, 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 service awards for December.
2. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the You Are Our Hero Award to citizen Damian Leyva.
3. Fire Chief Wolfe introduced Acey Edgemon Sr., Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution organization. Mr. Edgemon presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Award to Chief of Staff Chessler.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes December 10, 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 Guille Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. *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. The Board agreed to hold a Board Workshop on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. with the February Board Meeting commencing immediately thereafter. The Workshop will focus on contract opening, plan review, and capital projects.

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

No report

H. Local 2396 Report – President Matthew Donovan

President Matthew Donovan introduced himself to the Board.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Commissioner Officer Elections- Chief of Staff Chessler

Chief of Staff Chessler presented the AIW as submitted.



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Commissioner Cross moved to leave the positions as currently assigned. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Commissioner Cherney recommended changing the officer positions and offered to assume the Chair position. Commissioner Cross withdrew the original motion and Commissioner Biondo withdrew his second.

Commissioner Duffy moved to nominate Commissioner Cherney for Chair. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Cherney moved to nominate Commissioner Duffy for Vice Chair. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Cross moved to nominate Commissioner Dearborn for Secretary. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Dearborn moved to nominate Commissioner Cross for Treasurer. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. AIW- Marco Island Fleet Agreement- Deputy Chief Bauer

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the amended Fleet Service Agreement with the City of Marco Island. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. AIW- Department of Financial Services MARC Grant Agreement- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted. Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Department of Financial Services MARC Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

D. Bid 25-206 Fire Engine Procurement- Deputy Chief Bauer

Staff informed the Board that the formal bid process for 7 engines (6 replacements and 1 for Station 26) was unsuccessful. The Board directed staff to provide a formal recommendation at the next board meeting.

E. AIW- Policy #604 Social Media Revision- HR Director Ughi

Commissioner Cross moved to approve and adopt the revised Social Media Policy #604, effective immediately. HR Director Ughi addressed one change to 604.3.2, to change the word should to shall. Commissioner Cross moved to approve as amended. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

F. AIW- MM63 Agreement- Fire Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the MM63 Interlocal Agreement as presented and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

G. AIW- Station 74 Agreement- Fire Chief Wolfe

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Station 74 Lease Agreement and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement subject to any non-substantive changes agreed upon by the County and District legal counsel. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

H. Public Input for Issues Not Listed on the Published Agenda

None



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I. Comments by Commissioners

Commissioner Cherney raised concerns regarding the financial impact of proposed changes regarding leave time in the draft Administrative Handbook.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dearborn moved to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.