



DRAFT MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 8, 2026
5:00 PM

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cherney called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:01 p.m., on April 8, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Cross and Duffy. Commissioners Dearborn and Biondo were absent.

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 3-0.

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe announced the service awards for March. The Board requested that awards and recognitions be placed in the Chief's Report going forward.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes March 11, 2026
Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

E. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Guille Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted. Discussion was held regarding inspection fee collections and whether the outstanding fees are worth pursuing. The District will present summary data to the Board next month. Fire Chief Wolfe reported that Summit Place requested a support letter to remove the walk path connection to Station 73, and the District agrees. Fire Chief Wolfe requested to move the June 10 meeting to June 17. *Commissioner Duffy moved to change the June meeting from June 10 to June 17, 2026. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

Chairman Tim Sims stated that the value of the Plan is \$64,200,000, showing a 12.5% increase for 1 year and an 11.2% increase over 3 years. He mentioned that a new financial report should be available for their next meeting on April 14. Discussion ensued about the plan payout process. Commissioner Cross asked if the pension plan members could unanimously vote to agree to dissolve the plan and take their share or does the District have to fund it no matter what. Legal Counsel Glenn Thomas verified that the District would have to fund it no matter what, but the Board could then terminate the plan.

H. Local 2396 Report – President Matthew Donovan



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President Donovan mentioned that the Local has nothing to report. Discussion ensued about opening the Union's contract, and it is estimated that negotiations will begin in early June.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW- Fire Engine Procurement- Resolution 2026-02- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to adopt Resolution 2026-02. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

AIW- Chapter 175 Pension Plan Compliance Issues- Laura Donaldson

Laura Donaldson presented the AIW as submitted. Glenn Thomas, Chapter 175 Special Counsel was also present and addressed the matter of correcting improper reporting of overtime hours exceeding the statutory limit of 300 hours per year for the Chapter 175 Pension Plan. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the District's Chapter 175 Pension Plan Special Counsel, Glenn Thomas, to submit a letter with the data to the Chapter 175 Pension Plan's Actuary. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* Discussion ensued about calculations and how the 300-hour overtime threshold came about, especially for public safety personnel. Counsel reiterated this is a legal requirement, under two state laws, included in the plan document and enforced by the IRS. *Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

B. AIW- FY 26-27 Budget Meeting Schedule- Finance Director Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve Staff's recommendation to reschedule the board meeting from the 9th to the 10th following the budget hearing and the budget meetings as presented. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* Chairman Cherney made the recommendation to have the July workshop and put August as tentative. *Motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

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

None

D. Comments by Commissioners

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. The meeting was adjourned.