



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 6, 2026
5:00 PM

I. MEETING OPENED

Vice Chairman Duffy called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:02 p.m. on May 6, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Biondo, Dearborn, and Duffy. Chairman Cherney attended virtually. Commissioner Cross arrived at 5:12 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

C. Awards & Recognition- Fire Chief Wolfe

1. Fire Chief Wolfe presented Engineer Khris Klock and Captain Inspector Shar Beddow with their retirement axes.

D. Consent Agenda

1. GNFD Board Minutes April 8, 2026

Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

E. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Guille Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. *Commissioner Biondo moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.*

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

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted. The Fire Chief confirmed the Board is not interested in charging FPL for their proposed easement at Station 71. Commissioner Cross suggested discussing the need for an AI policy with Laura. Commissioner Biondo acknowledged all personnel who worked on the recent brush fires.

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

No report

H. Local 2396 Report – President Matthew Donovan

No report

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Ladder Truck Purchase- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. Commissioner Cross asked if the ladder truck could be assigned to a new station so that impact fees could be used. Fire Chief Wolfe advised this purchase would be a replacement, likely for Ladder 70. *Commissioner*



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Cross moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order for the ladder truck as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

B. AIW- MM 63 Third Amendment- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. Discussion followed regarding clarification from the County on continued services at MM 63. In response to the Board's question of why the FDOT made this decision to contract directly with the County instead of the District, the District's attorney Laura Donaldson explained that FDOT's decision may have been influenced by concerns about the District's legal authority to provide services at MM 63 and anticipated capital expenditure needs. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the third amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between FDOT and the District as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.* Fire Chief Wolfe stated he would send a letter to Collier County requesting its transition plan and reopening discussions on the Ochopee agreement to ensure continuity of services at MM 63. The Board supported this action.

C. Fee Collection- Assistant Chief Hanson/Finance Director Polanco

Assistant Chief Hanson and Finance Director Polanco presented a handout of FLS unpaid invoices. An outstanding balance of \$194,818.69 over the last 2.5 years was reported, primarily from periodic inspections. Potential collection solutions were discussed, including outsourcing to a third-party billing service or placing property liens. Staff will research these options.

D. AIW- RFQ Qualifications for Architect- Engineering Services Station 26- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted. Significant discussion occurred over the proposed contract cost not to exceed \$1,254,912.00 by Schenkel & Schultz. Concerns were raised about the firm's involvement in the Station 74 project. Public speaker Nathalie White from Schenkel & Schultz addressed the Board, commenting that the new station site does not have the same complexities as Station 74. The Board commented that it did not have conceptual drawings to review in this process. *Commissioner Biondo moved to approve the contract with Schenkel Schultz, Inc. as submitted and authorize the Fire Chief to finalize and execute all associated documents after final legal review. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion failed 2-3 (Cross, Dearborn and Cherney). Chairman Cherney made a motion that this contract is tabled until next month pending review of conceptual drawing that we've already paid to have done so we know what we're building. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Biondo).*

E. AIW- Fire Equipment Purchase- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to pass the AIW fire equipment purchase that I think it's needed to standardize the vehicles because way too many issues with reserve trucks. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.* Commissioner Duffy abstained from the vote, citing that he works for a fire equipment company. Form 8B was completed and filed with the minutes of this meeting.



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

G. Comments by Commissioners
None

IV. ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Duffy moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.