



APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 8, 2026

4:00 PM or immediately following Budget Workshop

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cherney called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 4:24 p.m., on July 8, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Cross, Duffy, Dearborn and Biondo.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda- Fire Chief Wolfe requested to move Agenda Item III. A. FY 24-25 Audit Presentation to III. D. to allow time for the auditor to arrive, with all remaining items to be shifted upward. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the amended agenda, moving Agenda Item III. A to III. D. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Consent Agenda

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

D. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Guille Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Commissioner Cross requested that the treasurer's report focus more on the financial health of the organization rather than financial statistics publicly available. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Cross seconded.* There was discussion regarding the collection of false alarm fees. Commissioner Cherney requested an update on fee collections. Fire Chief Wolfe responded that, due to federal reporting code changes, some adjustments had to be made and advised the District has established a streamlined process for false alarm and lift assist collections. *Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

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

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the Fire Chief's Report as submitted. It was requested to move the August 12 meeting to August 5. The Board agreed to the schedule change, with the budget workshop beginning at 3:00 p.m. to review the General Fund, followed by the regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. or immediately thereafter. Discussion was held regarding the potential transition from a solely ad valorem funding model to a diversified revenue structure incorporating non-ad valorem assessments. Commissioner Cross suggested having a workshop on revenue options and volunteered to participate in discussions with potential consultants. Commissioner Cherney commented on his meeting with Fire Chief Wolfe, Deputy Chief Diaz, Deputy Chief Bauer, and Owner's Representative Victor Latawish regarding the Station 26 building design and process. He thanked Staff and noted the meeting provided clarification on project costs. Fire Chief Wolfe reminded the Board that the annual goals and objectives review is scheduled for September and requested additional input. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed property tax amendment.



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

No report. Fire Chief Wolfe commented that the District will reach out to the Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan to get an update on the assessment.

G. Local 2396 Report – President Matthew Donovan

President Donovan provided an update on ongoing negotiations with the District and advised that members of the Local will attend the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association conference, which includes an informational panel on the proposed property tax amendment. He noted the Local plans to provide educational information to taxpayers regarding the amendment. Commissioner Dearborn suggested collaborating with the District on the educational effort, and President Donovan agreed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Plans Review Update- Assistant Chief Hanson

Assistant Chief Hanson provided an update on the County's Plan Review transition, noting improved collaboration with County staff through bi-weekly meetings while acknowledging that some issues remain, primarily related to historical permitting. Jaime Cook, Development Review Director for the Collier County Growth Management Division, also provided an overview of recent changes within the Plan Review process. The Board discussed the current Plan Review process and the possibility of bringing fire plan review back in-house. Fire Chief Wolfe stated that he ultimately supports transitioning the function back to the District but recommended doing so when the timing is appropriate to allow for staffing and implementation. *Commissioner Cross moved to leave fire plan review in the place it's at currently under the exact same administrative structure. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. The motion failed, 2-3 (Cherney, Duffy, and Biondo).* Following additional discussion, the Board considered revisiting the matter after the November vote on the proposed property tax amendment. *Commissioner Duffy proposed a new motion, barring what happens in November, that we finally go ahead with taking this in-house. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Duffy moved to bring the item back at the December Board meeting to determine whether to proceed with developing a transition plan to bring Plan Review in-house, depending on the outcome of the November vote. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Commissioner Cherney restated the motion to postpone this topic until the December board meeting, bring it back for a vote to bring it in-house and at that point develop a plan, so we have a timeline to actually move it in.* The motion was clarified to provide that if the property tax amendment fails, the Board would develop a plan to transition Plan Review in-house; if it passes, the Board would revisit the matter in December before determining next steps. *The motion passed, 4-1 (Cross).*



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B. AIW- FPL Easement- Laura Donaldson

Laura Donaldson presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the FPL easement as presented and authorizing Fire Chief Wolfe to execute the easement. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. AIW- Rescue Tools for TRT Team- Deputy Chief Bauer

Deputy Chief Bauer presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Dearborn moved to approve AIW rescue tools for TRT team. Commissioner Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

D. AIW- FY 24-25 Audit Presentation- David Caplivski

David Caplivski presented the AIW as submitted. Commissioner Cherney stated he was aware there were some scrivener's errors that needed to be taken care of and returned to the Board. *Commissioner Cross moved to accept the audit as amended by the scrivener's errors. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

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

None

F. Comments by Commissioners

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.