APPROVED MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2026 ▪ 3:30 PM or immediately following Workshop
Fire & Life Safety Office ▪ 2700 N. Horseshoe Dr. Naples, FL 34104

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cherney called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 4:15 p.m., on October 14, 2026 at the Fire and Life Safety Office. Present were Commissioners Cherney, Cross, Duffy, and Dearborn, and Biondo.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

B. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Chairman Cherney requested to add Agenda Item III. C. Satisfaction Survey on the Fire Chief and Agenda Item III. D. Combative Member of Public Interacting with Staff. All remaining agenda items to be shifted downward. *Commissioner Cross moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Dearborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Consent Agenda

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

D. Treasurer's Report- Finance Director Polanco

Finance Director Polanco presented the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Chairman Cherney questioned overtime expenditures, noting expectations for greater control following additional firefighter hires and promotions. Fire Chief Wolfe explained that the District has not yet realized the full staffing benefits of the new hires and that FMLA absences and officer-level vacancies continue to drive overtime. The discussion acknowledged a significant reduction in overtime costs while emphasizing the need for more accurate budgeting and timely replacement of vacancies in anticipation of upcoming retirements. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

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

Fire Chief Wolfe presented his District Report and noted MOU discussions continue with Collier County for Station 26. Discussion was held regarding the inclusion of fees for staff's time on this project in the MOU. It was mentioned that the 2027 board meeting schedule will be finalized at the November meeting, and Board members were asked to consider any changes to the schedule. The Board was reminded of the upcoming Farm City Barbeque in November, and to notify staff if interested in attending.

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

No report from Chairman Sims. Fire Chief Wolfe presented the sole applicant for the District appointed seat. *Commissioner Cross moved to appoint Scott Hogan for the Board. Commissioner Duffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

G. Local 2396 Report- President Matthew Donovan

No report.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Station 26 – Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe discussed four different concept plans. Staff recommended option two or three. Option Two provides ten bunkrooms with no capacity for future expansion, while Option Three offers the flexibility to accommodate five additional bunkrooms. *Commission Biondo moved to support staff's recommendation for Option Three. Commissioner Duffy seconded.* Commissioner Cherney expressed a preference for the bunkroom layout in Option Two. Fire Chief Wolfe clarified that staff was seeking Board consensus on the proposed floor plan and preliminary cost estimate, which is based on past project. For permitting purposes, the District would proceed with Option Three. *Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

B. AIW- Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy- Fire Chief Wolfe

Fire Chief Wolfe presented the AIW as submitted. *Commissioner Duffy moved to approve Resolution 2026-19 Fair Housing Policy as presented. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.*

C. Satisfaction Survey on the Fire Chief- Commissioner Cherney

Chairman Cherney acknowledged receipt of an email to the Board regarding a negative satisfaction survey concerning Fire Chief Wolfe. There was consensus among the Board that no further investigation is needed.

D. Combative Member of Public Interacting With Staff- Chairman Cherney

Chairman Cherney noted concerns regarding a member of the public's combative communications with staff via email and telephone. Although the District is not currently involved in litigation with the individual, some staff members are on a witness list. Chairman Cherney requested Board authorization to serve as the District's sole point of contact to ensure consistent communication, and the communication method will be email. The Board reached consensus on the request. The District's liability insurance counsel will send a letter to the individual confirming this arrangement.

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

Resident Jennifer Frost reported that obtaining an ISO letter for Station 74 reduced her ISO rating from 10 to 3, resulting in a 20% reduction in homeowners insurance costs. She noted that some insurers require individual proof of the ISO rating and that the District's $25 fee may pose a financial challenge for some families. It was also noted that many residents in the Estates were unaware the letter was available. Fire Chief Wolfe clarified that a blanket ISO letter is posted on the District's website. However, individual letters required by certain insurers are subject to the Board-approved fee schedule. The District will refresh previous communications to increase public awareness of the ISO letter available on the website.

F. Comments by Commissioners

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dearborn moved to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. Commissioner Biondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.