

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2026

Commissioner Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Commissioner Michael Gatewood  
Commissioner James Land  
Assistant Chief John Manson  
Office Manager Monique Brooks  
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich  
Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor

Commissioner Tom Mere  
Commissioner Danny Ballard  
Commissioner Bill Schaible  
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

**Absent:**

Chief Jeremy Dunn                      Public Education Officer Christi Fulton  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Schaible

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Schaible made a motion to approve the February 23, 2026 workshop minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.**

Commissioner Ballard stated that the minutes from the workshop did not designate the workshop in the header. Monique stated she can hand write "workshop" on the originals that the Commissioners sign. **The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)**

**Commissioner Mere made a motion to approve the February 23, 2026 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (2)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The February Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 42% through the budget year, received 94% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 47% of expenditures (less reserves). (3)

**Chief's Report:**

By Chief Manson-

- Attorney reached out on behalf of Compass to get the Districts wiring instructions, and we did receive that agreed upon payment
- Special Ops and Dive have been added to the report so that we can track those calls also
- Hydrant maintenance is underway
- New Engine is in Fort Myers, having some minor changes addressed
- Brush 3 cab and chassis is at Sutphen being built
- New BC vehicle is in service

**Prevention:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Monique stated that Christi has been very busy with the CPR program.

**Training:** Report attached. Commissioner Ballard asked if when conducting foam training do you use training foam? We use dish detergent when training but quarterly we do have to pump foam through the Sutphen Engines. Do all of our Engines have the foam filter on them? Yes.

**Union:** Blaize French – Union is all good

## Old Business:

- **Update on Pondella Road Fire Station**

Station Committee met with the Architect to confirm and sign off on the finalized floor plan for the New Station. There were no questions or comments.

- **Approval of Resolution 2026-004 and 2026-005 (Commissioners Pay)**

Commissioner Ballard – We need to clarify verbiage on page 2 top paragraph on the last line. Discussion ensued and the Board decided to add in “due to an emergency”. Monique read amended resolution 2026-004 noting a change in wording to Section 3 last sentence “Provided, however if the District does not convene a Regular scheduled meeting in any given month due to an emergency each Commissioner shall still receive their honorarium for that month”.

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept resolution 2026-004 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (4)**

**Resolution 2026-005 read by Monique Brooks. Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (4)**

## New Business:

- **Approval of Contract to Purchase Property located at 16321 Slater Road for Expansion**

Commissioner Ballard stated that he is not against this purchase, but he thinks we are getting too close to the edge of our District. Commissioner Land will we know the cost to make it ADA compliance before the meeting with the county? No. The Board engaged in discussion about the property in question. Commissioner Gatewood asked G to show the drone footage of the property. **Resolution 2026-006 read by Monique. Commissioner Schaible made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (5)** Commissioner Ballard asked Monique – what is the closing date? May 5<sup>th</sup>. Due diligence ends April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were no further questions or comments.

**Commissioner Items:** None

**Public Input:**

Debbie Ballard stated that the District should have some type of apparatus in the Edison Parade. Chief Manson explained that you must be chosen to participate in the parade and we were not picked this year.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:** None

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. February 23, 2026 Workshop Minutes
2. February 23, 2026 Minutes
3. February Treasurer's Report
4. Resolution 2026-004 and 2026-005
5. Resolution 2026-006