

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
March 19, 2026
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Shewmaker, and Kressel ; Deputy Chief Lamb, Attorney Pringle, Chaplain Cords, and Administrative Assistant Howard. The on-duty shift, Capt. Poulton, Eng. C. Gee, and Firefighters Coleman and Graham arrived a few minutes later.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda - none

Presentations/Awards - none

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February 19, 2026 were presented for approval. Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at February 28, 2026 :

Operating Account: \$10,837,984.52 ; Impact Fee Account: \$701,121.70 ; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts:
\$4,500,000

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.

Chief's Report:

- Deputy Chief Lamb, Dr. Atiyeh and I met with the Florida Department of Health representative to discuss the steps to move forward with the ALS program.
- The fraudulent ACH charge I emailed you about has been turned over to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit. VFIS is also looking into USAR's policy and our policy to see if there is any coverage for the loss. We will update you as we receive additional information.

- Meetings Attended: Rotary weekly meetings, Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors, Building Industry Association, Radio Communications for Government Agencies, Fireworks / First Due demonstration for reporting programs, Department of Health for ALS program
- Education: CPR and First Aid class provided for Boulevard Dental, Crowd Management Training

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Prevention Division Report

- New Construction: Diamond Glass
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe), Hemmingway Pointe, Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage, River Hall multi-family homes, Storage King
- Projects Completed: BluWave Car Wash, Sherwin Williams, Culvers, Aldi's
- Revenues: The division billed \$526 for the month of February.
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
- Education: AS degree classes
- Inspections: The division conducted 11 inspections for the month.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Attorney's Report

- No items to report that directly affect the district, but the bill calling for the merger of Fort Myers Beach and Iona-McGregor Fire Districts passed the legislature. Both districts will hold referendum elections and both will have to pass in order for the merger to move forward.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Items of Interest: Lee County burn ban in effect, Strike Team Leader (Upper Captiva and Pine Island structure fires), IMT Division Supervisor to Cape Coral brush fire, two structure fires in Alva with Captains Poulton and Clouse, and Acting Captain Hunt, PR Events at River Hall (Breast Cancer Gold Tournament and Cascades Health Fair), Spring Fling at River Hall Elementary

- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association, Lee County Fire Chiefs training Group, Golisano's STARS program, Lee County EMS QA – training and protocol subcommittees, BLS to ALS with State Health Department regional coordinator and Dr. Atiyeh
- Training: EMS – Airway Skills, BLS and AED, Vector Solutions Learning Management System, advanced fire pumping evolutions, ISA rating for Fire Departments, RIT / MAYDAY Co-op, annual hydrant maintenance
- Call Data: Feb. 1st – 28th = 241 calls / 313 vehicle responses; Jan. 1st – Feb. 28th = 494 calls / 631 vehicle responses

Training Report

- Forcible Entry, EVOC, Brush Fire / Wildland Urban Interface, Pediatrics & Safe Haven, Rope Operations & HAZMAT, Airway Training, Air Consumption Drill / training, Vector Solutions, SOG review, Fire Pre-Plans
- A-Shift: FF Dressel in paramedic school, Probationary Task Book FF Busbee
- B-Shift: Probationary Task Book with FF Robertson and FF Coleman, Captain Pledger in paramedic school, Confined Space Drill at Station 82, RIT Drills, MAYDAY review, hydrant maintenance
- C-Shift: FF Floyd in paramedic school, FF Search and Rescue, Probationary Task Book with FF Graham, station maintenance

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Training Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items - none

Old Business - none

New Business

1. Approval of Resolution #2026-01 calling for an election of Board of Fire Commissioner seats 4 and 5 in the November 2026 general election.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION #2026-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDERING AND CALLING AN ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The resolution calls for the election of Seat #4 and Seat #5 for a length of 4 years.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-01, Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed with the following roll-call vote:

Commissioner Detzel – Yes, Commissioner Ragen – Yes, Commissioner Schneider – Yes, Commissioner Kressel – Yes, Commissioner Shewmaker - Yes

2. Discussion of First Bank account ACH fraud. We inadvertently paid our dues invoice for Southwest Florida USAR in October 2025 to a fraudulent ACH account and were unaware until March when USAR realized they had not been paid. They did not gain access to our bank account – they were able to intercept emails between USAR and the district and add banking information. We have reported the theft to LCSO, and their Economic Crimes Unit is investigating. We have also reported it to VFIS and other districts to check for similar attempts. It was a fairly complex operation and LCSO believes it will be a drawn-out investigation and will likely end up being an overseas based scam. We monitor the account on a daily basis and there has been no further fraudulent activity.

There was no action taken to close the account, based on the fact that we did not give out any banking information. We also check our account every day to look at all transactions.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: - none

Comments from Commissioners:

Thanks for everyone's hard work, be careful and be safe!

Adjourn

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.