FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
May 21, 2026
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Kressel, and Shewmaker ; Chaplain Cords, Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda: New Business – discussion of First Due software

Presentations/Awards: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 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 April 30, 2026 :

Operating Account: $9,997,293.10 ; Impact Fee Account: $705,950.80 ; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: $4,500,000

Reports presented for review: Profit and Loss/Budget vs. Actual reports, Trial Balance reports, Cash Balance reports, Payroll reports, Bank Reconciliation reports

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

Chief's Report:

- Operations returned to normal after repairs to the decking of the SR 31 bridge. I know we are all glad to not be sitting in traffic for extended times.
- We are currently looking at reporting programs for a possible change. As of January 1st, the NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting Software) was shut down and the new NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System) was placed into service. Our current ESO program has been working on settings in the background, but we still do not have the ability to control our administrative settings to require specific information requirements for our reporting.

Multiple departments are looking into other programs that do work with the new national system. We will budget for the change, but there may be an initial set-up cost that would be paid out of the current year budget. We will discuss it more in New Business.

- Congratulations to FF Busbee on his marriage, and FF Coleman and his wife on the birth of their baby boy.
- Meetings Attended: Rotary, Lee County Fire Marshals & Inspectors, Lee County Fire Chiefs, BIA
- Education: I attended an ICS-400 (Incident Command for Complex Incidents) update

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

Prevention Division Report

- New Construction: Car Wash
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe), Hemmingway Pointe, Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage, River Hall multi-family homes, Storage King, Diamond Glass
- Revenues: $120 billed for the month of April
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals & Inspectors, Arson Task Force
- Education: working on AS degree
- Inspections: 164 inspections completed for the month of April including annuals and reinspections

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

Attorney's Report

- Attorney Pringle said he would save his comments until the business items come up.

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

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Items of Interest: Paramedic credentialing program started on 5/1/26 with 6 of our paramedics, the paperwork to apply for our COPCN for ALS will be filed tomorrow with the intention of going live with it on 10/1, structure fire River Hall – B Shift (Captains Pledger and Swindle), Lee County burn ban, IMT Division Supervisor, USAR MobEx drill (Eng, Janey and FF Schumacher)

- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs, Lee County Fire Chiefs Operation group, Lee County EMS QA – training and protocol subcommittees, East Lee Fire pre-burn walk through
- Training: EMS – Spinal Trauma, Vector Solutions Learning Management System, Live Fire with all three shifts at the Fire Academy
- Call Data: April – 204 calls and 266 vehicle responses, YTD Jan. 1st through April 30th – 957 calls and 1,218 vehicle responses

Training Report

- Water Supply and Delivery, Building Construction, Allergic Reactions, Vehicle Extrication & HAZMAT, Live Fire, Vector Solutions, three personnel in paramedic school, SOG #32 review
- A-Shift: Pumping Evolutions, VEIS
- B-Shift: Probationary Task Book with FF Coleman, Captain Swindle Fire Protection Technology class for master's degree, Fire Streams
- C-Shift: FF search and rescue, Probationary Task Book with FF Robertson

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

Public Input on Agenda Items

Old Business

1. Discuss switching to Consent Agenda as per the draft presented.

Attorney Pringle reviewed the use of a consent agenda to review and approve repetitive items on the agenda.

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to switch to the consent agenda format for a three-month trial. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business

1. Bolton Partners Actuarial services agreement for OPEB / GASB 75 valuation for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

   Commissioner Kressel had several suggestions about the contract as presented. After further discussion Commissioner Ragen made a motion to allow Attorney Pringle to negotiate with Bolton. If a contract can be negotiated under the Board's terms, the Chair is authorized to sign. If they will not agree to the terms we will go out for bid. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Discussion of Lee County EMS contract extension for the ambulance at Station 82 for a term of 3 years. The ambulance has been a great benefit to the residents of the district, and Lee County is moving toward building an EMS station. The only reason they would terminate the contract early is if that building is completed before the end of the term.
   After discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the contract extension and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Discussion of First Due software to replace the current reporting software. In order to have the new program set to go on October 1st, we will need to get the onboarding process completed this fiscal year. That is the only portion we need authorization for at this time.
   Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve getting the onboarding of the new (First Due) program up to $6,000 if this is the program we decide to switch to. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: None

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Ragen thanked the guys for their hard work. He also thanked Commissioner Kressel for her input on some of the items before the Board.

Commissioner Detzel also thanked Commissioner Kressel for her guidance and input. Thanks to everyone.

Commissioners Schneider and Shewmaker – thanks to everyone.

Commissioner Kressel said she feels like it was a productive meeting and she thinks we will love the new meeting format. Thanks to everyone.

Adjourn

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.