

Minutes for the Meeting of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners
September 23, 2026, 5:00pm
Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Boulevard

In attendance: Chairman John Bennett, Vice-Chairman Jim Knickle, Secretary/Treasurer Ronald Fleming, Commissioner Jacki Liszak Commissioner Keran Farrell, Fire Chief Scott Wirth, and District members.

1. Meeting Called to Order 5:17pm [immediately following 5:05PM Final Budget Hearing]
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Farrell motioned to adopt the agenda, Commissioner Liszak seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]
5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items - *none*
6. Consent Agenda [Approval]

Items listed are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion; if a commissioner desires discussion, the specific item will be removed during the Adoption of the Agenda and considered separately.

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2026
- B. Approval of June General Fund Checks 50167-50227 and e-checks 22-28 total
\$298,697.78

Commissioner Knickle motioned to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Liszak seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

7. Promotion Ceremony

The District recognized the promotions of four members to the rank of Driver Engineer:

Darwin Adames

Pietro Cracchiolo

Oscar Gonzalez

Paul Montenegro

There was a brief recess after the promotion ceremony and the meeting resumed at 5:57pm.

8. Fire Chief's Report [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth highlighted the recent September 11th memorial held at Station 33 and the Roar Offshore boat races that took place the same week.

Chief Wirth gave a summary of data for each section.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Fire Chief's Annual Evaluation [Information/Discussion/Approval]

The Board discussed and finalized Chief Wirth's annual review and compensation.

Commissioner Farrell motioned to increase Chief Wirth's salary with a cost-of-living raise of 2.5%, Commissioner Knickle seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

10. New Business – *none*

11. Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth thanked everyone for their hard work during a busy month with the 9-11 memorial service and boat races.

12. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Fleming reflected on his appreciation for District staff and members.

Commissioner Knickle congratulated those who were promoted.

Commissioner Liszak thanked everyone for an excellent job on the boat races and thanked the District for a beautiful memorial service.

Commissioner Farrell congratulated members on their promotion and thanked their families for coming.

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone for a fantastic job on the budget and the memorial ceremony.

Chief Armiger added public comment on the promotions of crew members and what an amazing job they do. He thanked the Board for their support for the team.

13. Adjournment 6:21pm