

Minutes for the Meeting of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners

March 25, 2026, 10:00am
Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Boulevard

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

1. Meeting Called to Order 10:00am
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Lyszak motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Farrell 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 from January 28, 2026
- B. Approval of January General Fund Checks 49793-79851 total \$660,169.65
- C. Approval of January Capital Improvement Fund Checks 1107-1121 total \$951,869.74
- D. Approval of February General Fund Checks 49852-49897 total \$142,681.85
- E. Approval of February Capital Improvement Fund Checks 1122-1128 total \$776,965.39
- F. Approval of Corrected Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025

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

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Update on the Status of the Merger Bill [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth provided an update on Representative Botana's merger bill. The merger study was presented; however, the bill has moved through the House and Senate and is currently on the Governor's desk. If the bill moves forward, it will be on the ballot in November 2026.

Commissioner Bennett commented that it is disappointing to see this bill has

moved forward and will cost the taxpayers money. The board briefly discussed their thoughts on the bill.

8. New Business

A. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Financial Audit FY24-25

[Presentation/Review/Adoption]

Theresa DaCosta with Ashley, Brown, and Smith, CPAs presented their findings and information on the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. The audit report indicates that the District complied with Florida Statutes.

The board and Chief Wirth thanked Ms. DaCosta and Jane for their hard work.

Commissioner Farrell motioned to adopt the audited financial statement for FY24-25; Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Purchase of Replacement Heart Monitor [Information/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Wirth presented information regarding the purchase of a Zoll heart monitor to replace one lost during Hurricane Ian. Assistant Chief Kraus was able to secure a refurbished monitor at a discounted price.

Commissioner Liszak motioned to approve the purchase of a Zoll heart monitor in the amount of \$28,898.13; Commissioner Knickle seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

9. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth congratulated recently promoted Lieutenant Joel Martinez and Lieutenant Ivan Rojo. There are seven members testing for Driver Engineer. Promotional and new hire pinning ceremony will take place at the April evening board meeting.

Assistant Chief Sears and District members participated in live fire training at the City of Fort Myer's training facility. Chief Wirth thanked the City of Fort Myers for their partnership in the training. A live fire training session is scheduled to take place April 7th through April 9th on Pearl Street.

The drone dock has been installed at the new Station 31. There will be an open house at the new fire station on April 2nd.

Chief Wirth recognized the following anniversaries:

Engineer Vila 20 years

Engineer Sturtevant 20 years

Firefighter Llaser 10 years

Firefighter Montenegro 10 years

Fire Marshal Campbell 7 years

Life Safety Specialist Cox 6 years

IT Administrator Craig Kaufman 4 years

10. Attorney Report - *none*

11. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Liszak thanked Jane and the auditors for their work on the annual report. She thanked district members for their hard work and responses to calls.

Commissioner Farrell thanked the auditing firm and congratulated district members on their promotions.

Commissioner Knickle congratulated the newly promoted. He shared that he sees growth and exceptional professionalism within the organization.

Commissioner Fleming thanked Jane for all her hard work and congratulated members on their promotion.

Commissioner Bennett echoed the other board members' thoughts and thanked Jane for all she does. He congratulated the new Lieutenants and new hires. He shared feedback from a community member on the professionalism of staff. He shared information on an upcoming development proposal he is excited about.

12. Adjournment 10:34am