

Minutes for the Meeting of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners
August 26, 2026 10:00am
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 10:01am
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]
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 July 22, 2026
- B. Approval of July General Fund Checks 50130-50166 and e-checks 8-21 total
\$127,673.86
- C. Approval of July Capital Improvement Fund Check 1142 total \$343,614.10

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

7. Unfinished Business - none
8. New Business

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

Commissioners shared their comments and scores for each evaluation category. The Board gave Chief Wirth a total evaluation score of 175/175. The Board will discuss any changes to salary at the next meeting.

- B. Annual Review of Board Policies [Information/Discussion]

Commissioners discussed the need for any changes to Board Policies and all agreed to review current policies before the next meeting and propose any changes at that time.

C. Review of Factual Information on Merger of Iona McGregor and FMB Fire Districts
[Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth presented information regarding the proposed merger of Iona McGregor and Fort Myers Beach Fire Districts as posted on our District's website.

D. Review of Factual Information on Impacts of Homestead Exemption
[Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth presented information regarding the Homestead Exemption as posted on our District's website.

Commissioner Liszak left early at 11:45am.

9. Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth shared highlights from the past month of training and operations. ISO was in district to assess their rating system, and Chief Wirth is confident the District can maintain its rating of a 2 (with the highest being a 1). Chief Wirth shared information on the upcoming 9/11 memorial ceremony at Station 33 and the boat races.

10. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Fleming thanked everyone for a good meeting and shared his thoughts on upcoming legislation.

Commissioner Knickle commented on the merger and Homestead act and that he hopes for additional information in the future.

Commissioner Farrell thanked everyone for a good meeting and reminded community members to turn out to vote in the midterms.

Commissioner Bennett commented on the importance of voter turnout. He congratulated Chief Wirth on his performance reviewed and thanked him for his hard work.

11. Adjournment 11:57am