

MINUTES
WORK SESSION/MEETING OF THE
FT. MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 10:00 AM
DATE: December 6, 2016
PLACE: 3043 Estero Boulevard., Station 31 – Training Room
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Morris, Vice-Chairman Schindler, Sec./Treasurer Raymond, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Wood, Fire Chief Matthew Love, District members and members of the public.

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Chairwoman Morris requested to move the Swearing in of New Commissioner to the first item. The Board agreed. No motion was taken.

Chairwoman Morris swore in new Commissioner Ron Fleming and re-elected Commissioner Larry Wood.

4. November 1, 2016 Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to approve the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

5. November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded.
Motion approve unanimously 5 – 0.

6. Restate Agenda Items [Information]

7. Public Input on Agenda Items [Information]

None

8. Old Business

A. Long Term Facility Planning

Chief Love and the Board reviewed the action list and discussed past and future assessments. Chief Love and the Board agreed to leave this item on future agendas as needed and to discuss updates as they become available.

9. New Business

A. Swearing in of New Commissioner (*Moved to first item.*)

B. Election of Officers [Discussion/Approval]

Chairwoman Morris called for nominations of Officers. Sec./Treasurer Raymond made a motion to nominate Carol Morris for Chair. Vice-Chairman Schindler seconded. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to nominate Larry Wood for Chair. Commissioner Wood seconded. Chairwoman Morris called for a vote. Chairwoman Morris was elected with a vote of 3 – 2.

Chairwoman Morris made a motion to nominate Ted Schindler for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Wood seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

Vice-Chairman Schindler made a motion to nominate Bob Raymond for Sec./Treasurer. Chairwoman Morris seconded.
Motion approved unanimously 5 – 0.

C. 2017 Board of Fire Commissioners Proposed Meeting Dates [Discussion/Approval]

The Board and Chief Love discussed the proposed meeting dates for 2017. The Board and Chief Love agreed to alter some meetings as reflected in the posted schedule. The Board and Chief Love discussed the location of the meetings and agreed to discuss the location further at the next meeting.

D. Presentation by Attorney Salzman – Fire District Fire Commissioner Responsibilities

Attorney Salzman, the Board, and Chief Love had an open discussion regarding the responsibilities of the Fire Chief vs. the Board, Board policies/bylaws, and state statutes. Attorney Salzman stated that he will provide an example of policies and bylaws to help create and update Board policies and bylaws.

The Board discussed scheduling a retreat and Attorney Salzman stated that he will work with Chief Love to see what options are available.

10. Reports from IAFF Union Representatives Districts 3 and 15 [Information]

See Below in Commissioners Remarks

11. Commissioners Remarks

Battalion Chief Coenen welcomed new Commissioner Ron Fleming.

Chief Love gave a report on the hiring process and stated that he will bring more information to the next meeting. Chief Love reported that Information Technology Manager Joe LaCroix is relocating and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Fleming thanked the community for electing him and stated that he looks forward to working with the Board.

Commissioner Wood thanked members for their participation in the Spirit of the Holidays fundraiser. Commissioner Wood reported that Local 1826 raised \$3300 at the

fundraiser and thanked them for using their funds to pay for the dinners that were auctioned off. Commissioner Wood welcomed Commissioner Fleming.

Sec./Treasurer Raymond congratulated Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Fleming. Sec./Treasurer Raymond stated that he will not be attending the upcoming Board meetings in December or January and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Chairwoman Morris asked about the staffing process and discussed the approval of salary ranges. Chairwoman Morris welcomed Commissioner Fleming.

Vice-Chairman Schindler echoed Commissioner Woods comments. Vice-Chairman Schindler commented on how productive the meeting was today.

12. Public Input

Fort Myers Beach resident and former Commissioner John Pohland stated that he thought the meeting was one of the best meetings the Board has had and he welcomed Commissioner Fleming.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.