

**BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

August 11, 2026

Meeting called to Order – 7:01 pm by Chairman Mere

Invocation – Commissioner Mere

Attendees Commissioner Griffin - Excused
 Commissioner Ducrou – Excused
 Commissioner Hansen - Present
 Commissioner Cook – Present
 Commissioner Mere – Present
 Chief Doug Underwood – Present
 Office Manager Theresa Sharp – Present
 Office Manager Susan Lindenmuth – Present

Others Present – Some Public - Employees

Public Input Agenda Items – None

Minutes - Review and acceptance of July 14, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Mere called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote and, with all in favor, the motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for Review and Acceptance of the July 2026 financials.

Financial Reports - Review and acceptance of July 2026 Financials - Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept the May 2026 financials. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Mere called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote and, with all in favor, the motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for the Fire Marshal's Report.

Fire Marshal's Report – Chief indicates no Fire Marshal report as it is one of the reports we are unable pull from ESO. A few inspections at new RaceTrac facility, no annual inspections are currently being carried out. Chief is uploading data from ESO into First Due, particularly the inspection history. Chairman Mere calls for the Administrative Report.

Administrative Report – Chief reads Administrative Report into the record, adding in YTD calls of approximately 830 that were left out of the report in their packets. Chairman Mere calls for any questions. Hearing none, he calls for Union Petitions.

Union Petitions – Hearing none, Chairman Mere calls for Old Business.

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Old Business – Renewal of lien for MW Horticulture with permission given to the Chief to sign the document required along with Commissioner Mere, as Board Chairman. The signatures must be notarized and will then be sent to Attorney Ian Mann for filing. Motion made by Commissioner Hansen allow the Chief to sign the lien renewal documents where needed. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Chairman Mere called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote and, with all in favor, the motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for New Business.

New Business – Permission to permit Impact Fund to reimburse General Fund \$95,000 of the \$300,000 borrowed from the General Fund to purchase the new E-131. Motion made by Commissioner Cook to permit the transfer of funds for the reimbursement. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Mere called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote and, with all in favor, the motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for Chief's Items.

Chief's Items – Chief informed the Commissioners of the acceptance for Bayshore Fire's first Fire Chief and founding member, Abe Whidden, to be placed on the Line of Duty Death memorial located at the Florida Fire College in Ocala, Florida. Both Chief Underwood and Susan Lindenmuth will be in attending the memorial in November 2026. Chief is also working with the Ft Myers Fire Academy to get his name placed in the local memorial. Once this is done, Chief will petition to get his name on the national memorial. Chief would like to give credit to Dennis Eads, Asst. Director of the Ft. Myers Fire Academy, and former Bayshore Fire Chief Larry Nisbet who initiated the process. In the research for this, Chief was able to uncover Bayshore Fire history and has saved the documents and articles for the archives. Chairman Mere called for Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Items – Hearing none, Chairman Mere calls for Public Input.

Public Input – Hearing none, Chairman Mere calls for Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Hansen moves to adjourn, and motion is seconded by Commissioner Cook and, with all in favor, meeting is adjourned at 7:20 p.m.