

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 17, 2026

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Commissioner Michael Gatewood  
Commissioner James Land  
Chief Jeremy Dunn  
Assistant Chief John Manson  
Office Manager Monique Brooks  
Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor

Commissioner Bill Schaible  
Commissioner Danny Ballard  
  
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Absent:**

Commissioner Tom Mere  
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich  
Union Representative Josh Ballard  
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Land

**Public Input:** Commission Candidate for Seat 3, Doug Dailey introduced himself.

**Swearing in of New Firefighter:** Nate Miller was sworn in as Firefighter by Chief Dunn.

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the July 20, 2026 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (1)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The July Treasurer's report was presented. At this time, we are 84% through the budget year, received 101% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 74% of expenditures (less reserves). (2) Commissioner Ballard – do we receive multiple utility bills for each station monthly? Yes, one is the regular water bill, and the other is for the Fireline. Commissioner Ballard – inquired about different amounts for helmet shields. Monique explained the amounts vary based on the quantity ordered. Monique reminded the Board of the upcoming Tentative and Final Budget dates also, the new Ethics class should be available by the middle of September.

**Chief's Report:**

By Chief Dunn-

- We have been working on the Tentative Budget
- Attended the Chiefs round table discussion where Byron Donalds was present and the Tax Reform issue was a topic
- PGIT grant for bunker gear has been received
- Two new firefighters hired
- Individuals that have been promoted are all active in their new positions

Assistant Chief Manson-

- New Engine 2 is in service
- Brush 1 did go back to Forestry
- Old Brush 3 has been sold

Chief Westra-

- Clarification on behalf of the Special Ops and Dive Team that the call report provided previously does not show all the operational activity that is taking place. The new report attached shows the training and call outs for those teams. Commissioner Ballard – I am hearing from other agencies about new software. Yes, the software is called FirstDue and G is working on the implementation of that new software.

**Prevention:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Training:** Report attached. Due to the heat, we have been trying to train earlier or indoors. There were no questions or comments.

**Union:** No representation present.

**Old Business:**

- **Update on Pondella Road Fire Station**

**Chief Dunn** – I have been in contact with the architect, and we are still waiting on the plans.

**New Business:**

- None

**Commissioner Items:** None

**Public Input:** None

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:** Thank you letter from Foxmoor.

**Commissioner Land made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. July 20, 2026 Minutes
2. July Treasurer's Report