

**IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 18, 2026

6:00 P.M.

6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD

FORT MYERS, FL 33919

NOTE: THE BOARD MEETING IS BEING RECORDED AND ALL STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE BOARD MEETING ARE SUBJECT TO BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHERS AS A PART OF THE BOARD MEETING PUBLIC RECORD.

NOTE: ALL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE PUT ON THE SILENT MODE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BOARD MEETING AND REMAIN ON SILENT MODE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOARD MEETING UNTIL ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call of Commissioners: Chair James Andersen (Present), Vice Chair Steve Barbosa (Present), Treasurer Paul Louwers (Present), Secretary Jason McCoy (Present), Commissioner Stephen Allen Sr. (Present)

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions: Recognition of the Miller families generous housing donation resulting in significant training opportunities for the District

Adoption of Meeting Agenda, Including Amendment: A motion to ‘Adopt Meeting Agenda, Including Amendments’ was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Louwers ...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Previous January Board Meeting Minutes](#): A motion to approve ‘January Board Meeting Minutes’ as listed was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner McCoy ...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Approval of Financial Report January 2026: Chief Financial Officer Winzenread opens the floor to questions and discussion ensues.

A motion to approve the ‘January Financial Report’ was made by Commissioner Andersen, an amendment to the motion was made by Commissioner Andersen, a motion to ‘Table the January

Financial Report for 2026 to the regularly scheduled March Board Meeting’, seconded by Commissioner Allen ...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Chief’s Report: Fire Chief Comer opens the floor to questions and discussion ensues.

A motion to approve the ‘Chief’s Report’ was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa ...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Pringle advises following the January 21 board meeting, a letter was prepared for the Chairman’s signature and sent to Representative Botana, with copies provided to the board and local delegation members. The letter outlined the district’s position, noted 36 signatures in opposition, confirmed no public support for House Bill 4013, and requested withdrawal of the bill.

House Bill 4013 continues to advance through the Florida House, having been approved by the State Affairs Committee and placed on the House calendar for second reading. The Senate has not yet taken action. Outreach efforts in Tallahassee remain ongoing to communicate the bill’s potential adverse impact on the district.

The Board discussed initiating contact with legislative aides to explore opportunities for engagement and potential meetings. It was agreed that staff will reach out to determine what level of interaction may be available, including the possibility of a face-to-face meeting, as Commissioners Barbosa and Allen expressed interest. Any identified opportunities will be reported back to the Board for direction.

It was noted that discussions with legislative aides may be brief and informal in nature; however, the Board directed staff to proceed with outreach and make the attempt promptly.

DVP’s Reports: Nothing to report.

Public Input on Business Agenda Items [Note: Prior to Board action being taken on each of the Business Agenda Items below, members of the public will have up to three (3) minutes per person to make public comment on each of the Business Agenda Items after the Commissioners have had their discussion.]

Business Agenda Items

1. None at this time
 - a. Discussion of Agenda Item
 - b. Public Input
No public comment
 - c. Board Action

Public Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items [Note: Any member of the public will have up to three (3) minutes to make public comments on any non-business agenda item topics.]: The public suggests that, in addition to face-to-face meetings, the District consider engaging a lobbyist

or consultant with established contacts in Tallahassee to help facilitate direct access to key decision-makers.

Commissioner Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items: No commissioner comment.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner McCoy ...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. 6:36 PM.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____