

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

- (Select All that Apply) **Decision Making Agenda Item**
 Discussion Purposes Only Agenda Item
 Walk On Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Elections of Commissioners
PERSON(S) MAKING SUBMITTAL OF AGENDA ITEM: Richard W. Pringle, Esquire
BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF AGENDA ITEM: <p>2026 is an election year for Seat #1 held by Paul Louwers and Seat #3 held by James Andersen and Seat #5 held by Steven Barbosa. Elections for Seat #1 and Seat #3 and Seat #5 will all be for 4 year terms beginning November 2026, and running through November 2030. The attached Resolution calls for and describes the method of holding the elections for the Commissioners' seats in the general election to be held on November 3, 2026. The Resolution also confirms the qualifying time for the election which is between Noon on June 8, 2026, through Noon on June 12, 2026. Pre-qualification can occur beginning May 25, 2026.</p>
BUDGET IMPACT: Yes / No / Unknown – If Yes, how much? From where?
REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: <p>For the Board to take official action to adopt the attached Resolution calling for the election of Elections for Seat #1 and Seat #3 and Seat #5, on the Board of Commissioners to be held in the general election on November 3, 2026.</p>

RESOLUTION #2026- 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDERING AND CALLING AN ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District was established by the Florida Legislature pursuant to Chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Florida Law provides for the election of members to specific terms and seat numbers for the Board of Commissioners of the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District; and,

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District has previously assigned seat numbers and length of terms to the five (5) members of the Board of Commissioners by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the current term of Seat #1 and Seat #3 and Seat #5 on the Board of Commissioners expires before the end of this calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District must call for the election of members of the Board of Commissioners as follows:

- Seat #1 length of term – 4 years
- Seat #3 length of term – 4 years
- Seat #5 length of term – 4 years

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT, that:

SECTION ONE

The recitals set forth above are true and correct and form a part of this Resolution.

SECTION TWO

There is hereby called an election in the County of Lee, State of Florida, to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, for the purpose of having all of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District to determine the members to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District as follows:

Seat #1 length of term – 4 years

Seat #3 length of term – 4 years

Seat #5 length of term – 4 years

SECTION THREE

The period of qualifying as a candidate for a Commissioner of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District shall be from Noon on June 8, 2026, through Noon on June 12, 2026. Candidates shall qualify with the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County, Florida.

SECTION FOUR

The election shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing Independent Special Fire District elections held in a general election.

SECTION FIVE

The election shall be held at the polling places as designated by the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County, Florida. Polls shall be opened and closed as provided by law. The ballots to be used in said election shall be in the form as provided by law and shall contain the names of the candidates to be voted upon.

SECTION SIX

The Department of State shall make out a Notice stating what offices and vacancies are to be filled at the general election in the State and in each County and District thereof. During the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying, the Department of State shall have the Notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in Lee County, Florida.

SECTION SEVEN

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution is held unconstitutional, inoperative, or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution.

SECTION EIGHT

This Resolution shall be liberally construed to affect the purposes hereof and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER Allen WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER McCoy. UPON BEING PUT TO A VOTE, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Commissioner Paul Martin Louwers	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner James McCoy	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner James Andersen	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Stephen E. Allen, Sr.	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Steven Barbosa	<u>yes</u>

Duly passed and adopted on this 15 day of April, 2026.

Board of Commissioners of the Iona
McGregor Fire Protection and
Rescue Service District

By: James Andersen
James Andersen, Chair

Attest by: [Signature]
Print name and title: Jason McCoy, Sec.