

**IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: May 6, 2026**

**6:00 P.M.**

**6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD**

**FORT MYERS, FL 33919**

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

NOTE: ALL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE PUT ON THE SILENT MODE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND REMAIN ON SILENT MODE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SPECIAL 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: None

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

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. [House Bill 4013](#)

a. Discussion of Agenda Item

At a Special Board Meeting called and duly noticed for the purpose of discussing and potentially taking action regarding the proposed involuntary merger of the Iona

McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue District and the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District pursuant to House Bill 4013, Attorney Pringle provided the Board with an overview of the status of the legislation and discussed statutory limitations related to the District's ability to address the referendum question. Attorney Pringle advised that, as of April 28, 2026, the Governor had neither signed nor vetoed House Bill 4013. Attorney Pringle further reviewed correspondence previously authorized by the Board and signed by Chairman Andersen requesting Governor DeSantis veto the legislation, and noted that Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District had likewise submitted correspondence requesting a veto. Attorney Pringle discussed the applicability of Section 106.113, Florida Statutes, including revisions effective July 1, 2022, and explained that the statute significantly limits and restricts the District's permissible activities related to advocating for or against referendum matters. Following discussion, the Board requested that a proposed resolution related to the matter be prepared for consideration at the regular Board meeting scheduled for May 20, 2026. The Board also requested a future agenda item to discuss coordination of an open community forum, including options for electronic attendance participation and the potential posting of informational materials on the District website.

b. Public Input

Kerri Peroni, of Whisky Creek, expressed curiosity regarding Fort Myers Beaches perspective, Fort Myers Beach was not in favor of the merger.

c. Board Action

None.

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.]: No public comment.

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. 07:41 PM.