IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 17, 2026

6:00 P.M.

6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD

FORT MYERS, FL 33919

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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 Amendment: 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.

Approval of Previous May Board Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve 'May Meeting Minutes' was made by Commissioner Barbosa, seconded by Commissioner Louwers…Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Approval of Financial Report May 2026: Chief Financial Officer Winzenread opens the floor to questions, discussion ensues. Commissioner Allen discusses expenses with Deputy Chief Aquil related to vehicles and radios. Commissioner Allen discusses grant revenues with Chief Financial Officer Winzenread, concerning the drone grant; in addition, discussion continues regarding rents and the paramedics located at stations; payouts for sell back time; operating expenses; new hire psychiatric tests; Florida Fire Chief's foundation expenses; and education reimbursements.

Commissioner Louwers inquiries and extends thanks to the efforts regarding insurance recoveries, discussion ensues between the board, Attorney Pringle, and Chief Financial Officer Winzenread.

A motion to approve 'May Financial Report' was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Louwers…Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Aquil opens the floor to questions and discussion ensues.

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

Attorney's Report: Attorney Pringle advises there are several topics for discussion under the business agenda and provides a briefing on Homestead Exemption law. Commissioner Allen discusses the bill regarding mergers.

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. 2026 Negotiations Team
    a. Discussion of Agenda Item
       Deputy Chief Aquil opens the floor to questions and discussion ensues regarding the 2026 negotiations team of Fire Chief Comer, Deputy Chief Guzman, Deputy Chief Aquil, Chief Financial Officer Winzenread, Attorney Pringle, Human Resources Manager Rothenberg, and 'Other Necessary Labor Counsel'. Attorney Pringle informs the board of special provisions pertaining to the board attending executive sessions with the representatives of the bargaining units to discuss negotiations.
    b. Public Input
       No public comment.
    c. Board Action
       A motion to approve the '2026 Negotiations Team as Presented; with Fire Chief Comer, Deputy Chief Aquil, Deputy Chief Guzman, Chief Financial Officer Winzenread, Human Resources Manager Rothenberg, Attorney Pringle, and any 'Other Necessary Labor Counsel'' was made by Commissioner Andersen, seconded by Commissioner McCoy. Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

2. Purchase of Sutphen Truck Replacement
    a. Discussion of Agenda Item

Deputy Chief Aquil opens the floor to questions and discussion ensues regarding the purchase of Sutphen truck replacement. Attorney Pringle discusses purchase authorization to prepare and negotiate the agreement terms and its execution. Commissioner Allen expresses the potential interests in other vendors and builds, Commissioner Louwers shares operational historical use pertaining to Sutphen, and Deputy Chief Aquil adds serviceability expenses and arrangements. Commissioner Allen asks questions regarding rehab requirements and opportunities; Division Chief Hernden elaborates on the cleanliness of the gear. Commissioner McCoy asks if Sutphen has capabilities to pre-diagnose, Division Chief Crisman shares the company's current initiatives on a like described product. Commissioner Allen questions the exhaust systems and Deputy Chief Crisman provides further information on the topic. Commissioner Andersen adds vendor details and potential listed cost averages for multiple vendors to the discussion. Commissioner Louwers opens the conversation to cancellation opportunities with Attorney Pringle, as the continue discussion regarding clauses.

b. Public Input

No public comment.

c. Board Action

A motion to approve the 'Purchase of Sutphen Truck Replacement, Custom SPH-100 Aerial Platform, Complete and Delivered, as Presented, for the Total Sum Not to Exceed $2,231.004.60; and Grant Authority to the Attorney and Administrative Staff Authorizing Negotiations with Sutphen the Terms of the Final Agreement Document for Purchase and Authorize the Board Chair to Execute the Agreement', was made by Commissioner Andersen, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Montion carried. Call and question, (4) four in favor aye; Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Barbosa, Commissioner Louwers, Commissioner McCoy; and (1) opposed, Commissioner Allen.

3. Possible Merger of Fort Myers Beach Fire District and Iona McGregor Fire District

a. Discussion of Agenda Item

Attorney Pringle opens the floor providing an update regarding the standing agenda item concerning the proposed merger between the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District and the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District. He reminded the Board that the item had previously been established as a continuing agenda item through at least the November election and reviewed prior discussions regarding the District's limited authority on the matter. Attorney Pringle noted that one permissible action available to the Board was the adoption of a resolution outlining factual statements and potential impacts of the proposed merger. He advised that a draft resolution had been distributed and discussed at the previous meeting but had not yet been formally adopted.

During the discussion, it was confirmed that the legislation related to the merger had been approved by the Governor on June 10, 2026. Attorney Pringle explained that the draft resolution remained a public record document and that formal adoption would make it an official Board resolution to be posted on the District's website. Board members discussed the timing of adoption and the importance of making factual information available to the public.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution, as presented, regarding facts, impacts, and outcomes associated with the proposed merger between the two districts. After an opportunity for public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Pringle stated that the resolution would be finalized, the votes recorded, and the executed document posted to the District's website, with any necessary scrivener's errors corrected prior to publication.

b. Public Input
   No public comment.
c. Board Action
   A motion to adopt 'Resolution 2026-03, 'Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, regarding Facts, Impacts and Outcomes of a Merger between the Iona Fire Protection and Rescue Service District and the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, Adopting Findings, providing for Severability, and Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Substantive Section 3, 11, 12, 13, 15, as Presented'' was made by Commissioner Louwers, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

4. Responder Selection
   a. Discussion of Agenda Item
      Attorney Pringle reviewed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for continuing design-build and professional services for future District construction projects, explaining that the solicitation had been prepared in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. He outlined the required two-step process, beginning with a determination of whether the responding firms were qualified and responsive, followed by the ranking of those firms in order of preference. Attorney Pringle advised that three timely responses had been received from Wright Construction, DeAngelis Diamond, and Superior Builders Group, and stated that each firm appeared to satisfy the statutory requirements for further consideration.

      Board members discussed the qualifications and experience of the responding firms. Attorney Pringle clarified that the determination of qualification under the statute pertained to the firm's ability to perform governmental work generally, while the ranking process would allow the Board to evaluate each firm's suitability for the District's specific needs. After discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously finding all three firms qualified and responsive pursuant to Section 287.055(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and eligible to proceed to the ranking phase.

Attorney Pringle then reviewed the statutory factors to be considered in ranking the firms and explained the purpose and structure of the continuing services agreement. He advised that individual projects would be authorized separately, with preconstruction services and construction services divided into distinct phases, and that each project would require Board approval, including approval of a guaranteed maximum price prior to construction. He further noted that the agreement would provide the District with the ability to terminate services if necessary.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously ranked the firms in the following order of preference: Wright Construction as the highest-ranked firm, DeAngelis Diamond as the second-ranked firm, and Superior Builders Group as the third-ranked firm. The Board subsequently approved a motion authorizing Attorney Pringle and District staff to negotiate a continuing services agreement with Wright Construction, the highest-ranked respondent, and authorizing the Chair to execute the agreement upon completion of negotiations.

b. Public Input

No public comment.

c. Board Action

A motion to accept the 'Wright and DeAngelo's Diamond as two RFQ's that we rank for further consideration' was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Commissioner Allen withdraws the motion, Commissioner Barbosa, seconds, also withdrawing the previous motion.

A motion to accept 'All Three Companies as Meeting the Standard to move forward to the Ranking Phase under 287.055(3)(C) of the Florida Statute and are Qualified and Responsible' was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner McCoy. Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. No public input.

A motion to rank the 'Wright Construction as number one, DeAngelis Diamond as number two and Superior Builders Group as number three', was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Louwers. Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. No public input.

A motion to accept 'Wright Construction as the District's continuing services contract provider; direct Attorney Pringle and District staff to negotiate an agreement with Wright Construction as the highest-ranked respondent; and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement upon completion of negotiations', was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. No public input.

Meeting Minutes 6-17-26
Presented 7-15-26

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: During Commissioner comments, members discussed annual financial disclosure requirements and election-related filing obligations. Commissioners noted that Form 1 financial disclosure statements are required annually and that notices are distributed electronically. It was further noted that the filing deadline is June 30 and that completion of the annual four-hour ethics training must be self-certified as part of the filing process. Board members also discussed that candidates seeking election are required to complete and submit the Form 1 disclosure as part of their qualifying paperwork. Commissioner Louwers shares the positive impacts of the District's mental health efforts and extends thanks to Division Chief Hernden and Deputy Chief Guzman in their recent participation to share knowledge on mental health awareness and service. Commissioner Andersen shares experiences at the recent FASD ethics course where participants extended accolades to Division Chief Hernden and Division Chief Wisdom. He appreciates their positive and far-reaching efforts for the District. Commissioner Louwers extends thanks to the public's attendance.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner McCoy...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye. 7:37 PM.

Signed: ____________________

Print Name: Jason F. McCoy
7/15/26