



**NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026 ■ 9:00 AM
1885 Veterans Park Drive ■ Naples, FL 34109

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Norman Feder called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. With four of five commissioners present (James Calamari, Christopher Crossan, Norman Feder, and Stephen Popper), quorum was met. Chairman Christopher Lombardo was absent for the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chief Financial Officer Ben Van Klingerren requested:

1) Agenda Item *10C-Request Approval of FY 2025 SHSGP Grant Agreement to Administer District Response Team for Regional HazMat Services* be removed from the agenda citing FY 2025 SHSGP Grant has not been federally funded yet; and

2) Agenda Item *10D-Request Approval of Rip Current Training Initiative through the State of Florida Department of Children and Families* be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve agenda as amended. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 26, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

B. April 8, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo gave verbal comments. Assistant Chief Matthew Trent noted that District had voluntarily applied for State Safety Compliance Inspection and passed. Chief Ricardo and Assistant Chief Sean Lintz presented handouts regarding 2026 Collier County Growth Analysis. Discussion ensued. Assistant Chief Tony Camps presented handouts regarding Lifeguard Saves Report. Discussion ensued.



6. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. March 2026

Commissioner Calamari read prepared summary of financial highlights for March 2026 Treasurer’s Report. Board accepted report as presented into record.

7. LABOR REPORT

Local 2297 President, Adam Wilson, stated he had nothing to report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Table 1: Expenditures for Board Approval

Category	Amount
General Fund Unbudgeted	\$0
General Fund Emergency Purchases	\$10,887
Addition of Fixed Assets	\$0
Deletion of Fixed Assets	\$12,127
Other	\$0

Commissioner Calamari moved to approved Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Popper seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

9. OLD BUSINESS

Procurement of Fire Apparatus and Equipment within Current Industry Trends (Recurring Discussion Item)

Deputy Chief Kris Thomas noted he had no updates for the month.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request Approval to Lease Storage Space Adjacent to District Property at 6495 Taylor Road

Deputy Chief Kris Thomas gave comment. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Calamari moved to approve per staff recommendation as presented the leasing of storage space at 6485 Taylor Road, Bay #5. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0



B. Request Approval to Accept FEMA-HMGP Grant Award 4737-068-R for Wind Mitigation Project at Stations 44, 45 and 46

Deputy Chief Kris Thomas and CFO Ben Van Klingeren gave comment. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Calamari moved to accept per staff recommendation as presented the FEMA HMGP Grant 4737-068-R in the amount of \$532,753.75, authorizing execution of the agreement. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

C. Request Approval of FY 2025 SHSGP Grant Agreement to Administer District Response Team for Regional HazMat Services

Removed from agenda as noted in Agenda Item 3.

D. Request Approval of Rip Current Training Initiative through the State of Florida Department of Children and Families.

Added to agenda as noted in Agenda Item 3. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Calamari moved to approve per staff recommendation as presented the Rip Current Training Initiative through the State of Florida Department of Children and Families totaling \$13,900. Commissioner Popper seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Verbal comment given.

12. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Crossan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Popper seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0 Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.