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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 ▪ 4:00 PM

1885 Veterans Park Drive ▪ Naples, FL 34109

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christopher Lombardo called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. With five of five commissioners present (James Calamari, Christopher Crossan, Norman Feder, Christopher Lombardo, and Stephen Popper), quorum was met.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chief Financial Officer Ben Van Klingeren requested Agenda Item *9B-Request Approval of 2026-2027 USAR HazMat MARC Grant Agreement,* be removed from the agenda.

Deputy Director Lori Freiburg requested Agenda Item *10A-Request Approval of District Policies,* be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve agenda as amended. Commissioner Feder seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 27, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting

B. August 27, 2026 Budget Workshop for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget

C. September 10, 2026 Tentative Budget Hearing for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget

Commissioner Feder moved to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Calamari seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo, Deputy Chief Michael Jimenez, Deputy Chief Kris Thomas, and Assistant Chief Juan Camps gave verbal reports. Discussion ensued.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. August 2026

Commissioner Calamari read a prepared summary for the August 2026 Treasurer's Report. Board accepted report as presented into record. Chief Financial Officer Van Klingeren gave verbal comment.

7. LABOR REPORT

Local 2297 Officer Dario Aviles gave verbal report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Table 1: Expenditures for Board Approval

Category	Amount
General Fund Unbudgeted	$0
General Fund Emergency Purchases	$0
Addition of Fixed Assets	$0
Deletion of Fixed Assets	$ 52,583
Other	$0

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Popper seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

9. OLD BUSINESS

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

Deputy Chief Thomas noted there was nothing to report.

B. Request Approval of 2026-2027 USAR HazMat MARC Grant Agreement

Removed from agenda as noted in Agenda Item 3.

C. Request Approval of Renewal of Behavioral Health Services Agreement with Counseling Associates of America, LLC. for the Period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

Deputy Director Lori Freiburg gave update. Chairman Lombardo moved to approve as presented per staff recommendation the renewal agreement from Counseling Associates of America, LLC for behavioral health services for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. Commissioner Feder seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

D. Discussion of Alternative Funding Options

Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo gave verbal comment. Discussion ensued.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request Approval of District Policies

Removed from agenda as noted in Agenda Item 3.

B. Request Approval of Debris Management Site Agreement with Collier County

Deputy Chief Thomas gave verbal comment. Commissioner Popper moved to approve as presented per staff recommendation Collier County's use of District owned property on Nursery Lane as a temporary debris management site for storm generated vegetative debris following an emergency event, authorizing execution of the presented agreement. Commissioner Calamari seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

General comments were provided by commissioners.

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

Retired New York City firefighter addressed the Board with a request to donate Station 11 storage facility for use as a September 11 memorial museum. The Board acknowledged the request and took no action.

Commissioner James Calamari left the meeting.

Retired North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District Captain Chris Spencer gave verbal comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Feder moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.