

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – August 10, 2026
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Jeffery Maturo - Chairman
Steve Lohan – Vice Chairman
Tommy Hugo – Secretary/Treasurer
James Murphy – Commissioner
Jeff Kerr – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Jason Brod – Asst. Chief
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator
Natalie Hughes – Admin-Logist. Coordinator

Chairman Maturo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chaplain Chitwood led with a moment of silence in remembrance of the 10 fallen firefighters and their families, followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the July 13, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the July 2026 Financials, consisting of the purchase orders (P.O.) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Chief Andrew Schmidt, Battalion Chief Giovanni Zamora, and Lieutenant Adam Hughes were recognized for 20 years of service. All other employees were not in attendance.

The 11 new firefighters were recognized during the BSFD Welcome to the District presentation. Training Captains Bostin and Wasmuth presented the Paul Phillips Award to PFF Connor Volpe.

Brief Recess 5:12 p.m. – 5:16 p.m.

DISPOSALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the August 2026 disposals. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

UNION BUSINESS

Roy Brown, President of Local 3444, thanked the Commissioners and Chief for their cooperation in implementing the three-week Kelly day. Chairman Maturo expressed his appreciation for everyone working together on the implementation.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy thanked retired Fire Chief Kinsey, Jr. for hiring the employees recognized for their years of service. Commissioner Lohan seconded the sentiment. Chairman Maturo congratulated Natalie Hughes on her new position. Chairman Maturo asked about training safety related to heat exposure. Chief DeWitt explained that safety is always at the forefront for the District and that when the heat index reaches 110 degrees, a text alert is issued and outside training is concluded. He also noted that a similar lightning text alert is issued when lightning is detected within 10 miles. He further noted that there have not been any heat-related incidents during training.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- The Brush Truck is being finalized and is expected within the next couple of weeks.
- Next Business After Hours - August 27 at CoreFit Wellness from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The budget process is underway. The next Budget Workshop is September 3 at 3:00 p.m.
- The Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget hearing is September 14 at 5:01 p.m.
- Call volume is up 2.5% from last year.
- Thanked Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo for attending the meeting and hosting Lee and Collier County Fire Chiefs meeting for Congressman Byron Donalds on August 12 at North Collier Fire.
- Expressed condolences to Chairman Maturo on the passing of his father.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Lohan moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.