



NORTH COLLIER FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES (APPROVED)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 ■ 5:00 PM
1885 Veterans Park Drive ■ Naples, FL 34109

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Feder called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. With three of five commissioners present (James Burke, Christopher Crossan, and Norman Feder), quorum was met.

Commissioners James Calamari and Christopher Lombardo were absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Burke moved to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Crossan seconded.
MOTION CARRIED 3:0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 31, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
- B. September 14, 2023 Tentative Budget Hearing

Commissioner Crossan moved to approved both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Burke seconded. MOTION CARRIED 3:0

Commissioner Calamari joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

5. LABOR REPORT

With the Fire Chief not present at the meeting yet, Chairman Feder moved to the Labor Report. Local 2297 President Scott Palmateer gave verbal report.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo arrived to the meeting at 5:05 p.m. and gave verbal report.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. August 2023

Commissioner Calamari read prepared summary of prepared financial highlights for the August 2023 Treasurer's Report. Board accepted report as presented into record.

Commissioner Lombardo joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.



8. CONSENT AGENDA

Table 1: Expenditures for Board approval

Category	Amount
General Fund Unbudgeted	\$0
General Fund Emergency Purchases	\$21,726
Addition of Fixed Assets	\$0
Deletion of Fixed Assets	\$28,336
Other	\$0

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

Request Approval to Renew Agreement Between District and Counseling Associates of America for the Period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Commissioner 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 of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Commissioner Calamari seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request Approval to Renew Worker’s Compensation Insurance for the Period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve as presented per staff recommendation the renewal proposal from Marsh-McLennan Insurance and PGIT for worker’s compensation coverage for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Burke seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

Commissioner Crossan asked staff to compare Worker’s Compensation Insurance rates to other fire districts.



B. Request Approval of Engagement of Attorney Laura Donaldson for Representation Before the 2024 Florida Legislative Session

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve as presented per staff recommendation the Board waive the bidding policy and accept the proposal from Attorney Laura Donaldson to provide representation for the District before the 2024 Florida Legislative Session and any special sessions that may be held Fall 2023 or after the regularly scheduled 2024 Legislative Session. Commissioner Lombardo seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

C. Request Adoption of Resolution 23-024 Revising Inspection and Fire Prevention Fees

Commissioner Calamari moved to adopt as presented per staff recommendation Resolution 23-024 to revise inspection and plan prevention fees. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Lombardo seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

Amelia Vasquez from the Collier County Building Industry thanked the District for its efforts in coordinating consistent fees between the fire districts.

D. Request Approval of District Policies

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve as presented per staff recommendation the following:

- rescind the following policies, effective November 1, 2023:
 - 1.06 Workplace Violence
 - 3.06 Servicer Recognition
 - 3.07 Award Program
 - 3.21 Firefighter Cancer Benefits
- approve the following policies as presented, effective November 1, 2023:
 - 215 Organization and Community Funding
 - 314 Cancer Benefits for Firefighter Personnel
 - 315 Cancer Benefits for Non-Firefighter Personnel
 - 407 Workplace Violence
 - 702 Explorer Program
 - 704 Employee Recognition Award Program

Commissioner Burke seconded. MOTION CARRIED 5:0

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner comments were given.

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



Captain Christopher Spencer commented that he has been appointed vice-president of the Freedom Memorial and discussed with the board the possibility of a monument being placed on Station 45 grounds. There was general consensus among the Board for Captain Spencer to bring the matter back to a future board meeting for consideration.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Calamari moved to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded.
MOTION CARRIED 5:0 Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.