



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

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 ■ 9:00 AM**  
1885 Veterans Park Drive ■ Naples, FL 34109

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Christopher Lombardo called meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. With four of five commissioners present (James Calamari, Christopher Crossan, Norman Feder, and Christopher Lombardo), quorum was met. Commissioner James Burke was absent.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Deputy Director Lori Freiburg requested item 10A be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Calamari moved to have the agenda approved as amended. Commissioner Feder seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. May 28, 2025 Joint Board Meeting Between North Collier Fire, Greater Naples Fire and Immokalee Fire
- B. May 29, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
- C. May 29, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop to Discuss Impact Fees and Millage Rates

Commissioner Crossan moved to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Feder seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**5. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Eloy Ricardo gave verbal report. District Medical Director Dr. James Augustine updated Staff on the status of an accident survivor aided by NCFR crews a year prior, reading a thank-you email to the District and showing a documentary video of the recovery, both sent to the District by the survivor. Commissioner Calamari requested that the thank-you email be included as an official part of the minutes. See ATTACHMENT 1.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. May 2025

Commissioner Calamari read prepared summary of financial highlights for May 2025 Treasurer's Report. Board accepted report as presented into record.



**7. LABOR REPORT**

Local 2297 President Adam Wilson gave verbal report.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Table 1: Expenditures for Board Approval

Category	Amount
General Fund Unbudgeted	\$22,200
General Fund Emergency Purchases	\$11,459
Addition of Fixed Assets	\$0
Deletion of Fixed Assets	\$6,613
Other	\$2,100

Commissioner Calamari moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Request Approval for District Policies**

Item 10A removed from agenda.

**B. Designation of Representative for Collaboration Committee of North Collier Fire, Greater Naples Fire and Immokalee Fire**

Commissioner Feder moved to approve Christopher Lombardo to serve on the collaboration committee between North Collier Fire, Greater Naples Fire, and Immokalee Fire.

Commissioner Crossan seconded. Discussion ensued. Chairman Lombardo directed Staff to coordinate a meeting with the Chairman of the other two fire districts. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**C. Request Approval for Selection of Architectural and Engineering Services for Construction of Fire Station 49**

Assistant Chief Kris Thomas gave verbal overview of the agenda item. Discussion ensued. Chairman Lombardo requested to review station building plans prior to final approval.



Commissioner Feder moved to approve and execute per staff recommendation the contract between the District and Lars W. Young, Inc. for architectural and engineering services related to the design and construction of Fire Station 49 as presented. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**D. Request Approval for Reimbursement of Review and Inspection Fees to Lodge Abbott Investments Associates**

Chief Thomas gave verbal overview of the agenda item. Commissioner Feder moved to approve per staff recommendation the reimbursement to Lodge Abbott Investments Associated, LLC eligible fees paid as outlined in Attachment 3: Review and Inspection Fee Detail in the amount of \$168,783.98. Commissioner Crossan seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

**E. Discussion Regarding Alternatives for Procurement of Fire Apparatus**

Chief Ricardo opened the discussion. Discussion ensued with the Board directing Chief Ricardo to consult with District legal counsel to draft a letter for submission to the United States Attorney General, Pam Bondi, advising them of concerns regarding a possible monopoly in the procurement of fire apparatus and other equipment and services related to fire operations.

Commissioner Feder left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners gave general comments.

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

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Crossan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Calamari seconded. MOTION CARRIED 3:0 Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



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J. Christopher Lombardo  
Chairman

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Date 07/31/2025

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James A. Calamari  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Date 07/31/2025

APPROVED

## ATTACHMENT 1

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Kaitlyn Kerrigan <[kaitlynmkerrigan@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlynmkerrigan@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 8:59 PM  
Subject: Re: Get well Kaitlyn  
To: <[jAugustine@northcollierfire.com](mailto:jAugustine@northcollierfire.com)>  
Cc: [jAguilera@northcollierfire.com](mailto:jAguilera@northcollierfire.com) <[jAguilera@northcollierfire.com](mailto:jAguilera@northcollierfire.com)>

Hi Dr. Augustine,

It's been a little over a year since my accident and while I have had a lot of emotions during my recovery, one has remained consistent--gratitude for your team. Every day, I think of their bravery, unwavering skill, and the incredible care they showed in saving my life. Despite not remembering that night, I am brought to tears thinking that I had the chance to meet real heroes. The kindness you and your team showed in following up with my dad and making me a get well video reminds me of the kindness in this world. And I hope you and your team know how special you are—you'll forever have a meaningful place in my life. I hope to one day come visit and say thank you in person, but until then I hope you can share the attached video of my journey and below updates with the team:

- I've officially been in the reconstruction phase of my journey since March.
- I am working hard in rehab four times a week - walking multiple miles a day now!
- I am part time back to work, even doing other freelance I never dreamt of.
- I am living at home with my parents, with family always coming over and seeing friends often.
- I've started to journal my thoughts to maybe one day write a book. Even started mapping out a wellness brand!

None of the above would have been possible if it weren't for the North Collier Fire Department. You gave me life. You gave me hope. And for that, I am forever grateful.

With deep appreciation and love,  
Katie Kerrigan