

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING REPRESENTS A SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE MEETING AND INCLUDES ALL OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD. THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE ACTUAL COMPLETE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN A VERBATIM AUDIO RECORDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING CAN REQUEST AN AUDIO RECORDING FROM THE RECORDS CUSTODIAN OF THE DISTRICT.

Meeting called to order at 6:01p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners – present are Commissioners Walker, Dorsett, Barbosa, and Taylor.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance observed

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda – none

Presentations/Awards

Chief Howard stated he would like to give recognition to two commissioners, Taylor and Dorsett, as this is their last meeting after 16 years of service. stated would like to give recognitions, two of commissioners, Taylor and Dorsett last meeting after 16 years of service. presented each a commemorative clock in appreciation for their years of dedication and service to the District. Following presentation, short recess was called.

Public Input on Business Agenda Items - none

Business Agenda Items (Agenda Items Requiring Action)

1) Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2018

Chair stated that minutes had been included in packet previously and asked if any corrections or comments. Hearing none, **motion** (5590) to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Barbosa, second by Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

2) Financial Report – October 2018 (Approval)

Chair mentioned that financial reports had been previously submitted for review and asked if any questions or comments. Commissioner Walker questioned a transfer of funds, surplus vehicles, and other general financial concerns. CFO Winzenread addressed the concerns and answered all queries. Following brief discussion, **motion** (5591) to approve financial reports was made by Commissioner Walker with second by Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

3) Board Vacancy

Chair deferred to Attorney Pringle who then briefly described events leading to this evening. Attorney addressed the vacancy issue which occurred due to local elections officials error and discussed the filling of vacancy including the intent of Mr. Langford's appointment through November 2020. Following, **motion** (5592) to appoint Ethan Langford again to Seat #2 was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

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4) Job Description – Battalion Chief

The proposed draft description was included in packet and it is recommended that the Board approve as submitted. **Motion** (5593) to approve as submitted made by Commissioner Barbosa with second offered by Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

5) Collective Bargaining Agreement – District 25

Preliminary Collective Bargaining Agreement was ratified and is before Board for final approval. **Motion** (5594) to approve agreement as submitted made by Commissioner Dorsett, second Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

6) Administrative Salary Review

Chair stated that the Chief has asked that item be tabled until further notice. He stated that the Greater Naples' survey was conducted utilizing 2017 numbers and not valid for our usage. We have reached out to neighboring departments for participation on new numbers for better comparison of paycheck stubs for corresponding structure rather than look into the various pay structures to validate that our compensation is comparable. **Motion** (5595) made by Commissioner Barbosa to table item until Chief prepared to present; second by Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

7) Executive Report

Executive report was included in Commission packet and staff available for any questions or comments. Commissioner Walker questioned the overpressure incident that was noted in report and the different medical coding of incidents. DC McMillion explained the different types of medical calls. Following the discussion, **motion** (5596) to receive Executive Report made by Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

8) Attorney Report

Two items, first Lehigh Acres fire has been working on amendment of 191 of FS, as it may be time to update as it affects all independent fire districts in state. Their reasoning is that the independent districts must receive ballot approval anytime create fee – counties and cities do not have to go to voters for such. For purpose of paying for services should have similar rights to place assessment system as do counties and cities. May come back to Board in near future with further information and possible request for District participation in this potential change. Cost associated with writing and marshaling amendment through legislature as well. In 1997 it was Lee County Fire Districts that put forward 191 proposed legislation. Could we use FASD to assist with this questioned Commissioner Barbosa. Mr. Pringle stated that it represents many independent districts, not just fire. FASD must be careful in support for fire and not the other districts represented. If asking Tallahassee to give this home-rule to all special districts may be less likely to give to all special districts as opposed to fire and emergency services districts. Is there a state-wide association of fire districts? Yes, stated Chief. There are dependent and independent districts in the association. If expense shared, would be reasonable as lobbying costs are the greatest expense in the process. Session does not start until March as is an election year. If Lee County and Collier districts presented, decent chance of success.

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Second item is that Commissioners Dorsett and Taylor have been on board for entire time of representing the district and thank them personally for all their efforts. Following discussions, **motion** (5597) to accept the attorney report made by Commissioner Barbosa, second Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

9) DVP Reports

District 7 – DVP Tansey – all good, thank you for your service.

District 25 – DVP Mascarelli – same report, thank you.

Public Input on Non-Business Agenda Items – none

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Walker mentioned that he spoke with CFO Winzenread before about directing to contact auditor as to length of contract and capping fee. Mark stated it was not at top of list but will move to top of list for next meeting.

Commissioner Dorsett welcomed new commissioners aboard and encourage each to spend some time with Attorney Pringle as he is a Board attorney and encourage to meet with him at least once. Come in get to know business, know the people, ride the engine. When you look at budget items, should be balanced with the people and keep them safe. Commissioner Taylor stated that being in fire service gave advantage, keep in mind everything is not money – Iona is top rated place, ask yourself if I'm having a heart attack, in a car accident, who do you want to show up? Weigh out the best trained – cutting corners does not supply with the best. Taken years to get to where they're at.; look past the numbers and get to know the people. We want the best service we can get for our district. Best personnel of any fire department that she has seen. Honor and privilege to serve, stated Taylor. Commissioner Walker added that he gave introduction when he came on board and asked if he can do this again as they come in. He inquired of Mr. Pringle that the Board is policymaker, not micromanagers. Attorney affirmed. Commissioner Barbosa said it has been a pleasure working with these two during the past twelve years and thankful to have had them here.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Walker with second by Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Approved By: _____

Print Name: _____