

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes – February 9, 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 – Assistant Chief  
Andrew Schmidt – Deputy Chief  
Kelli Wilson – Deputy Chief  
Eric Scholz – Fire Marshal  
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director  
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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

Chaplain Chitwood began the meeting with a moment of silence to remember the fallen firefighters and their families. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lohan motioned to approve the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

Commissioner Hugo motioned to approve the January 2026 Financials, including purchase orders (P.O.'s) exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chief DeWitt recognized 1 Year of Service to the District for Administrative Assistant Jayleen Espinal, Facilities Coordinator Alex Messinger, Administrative Assistant Francis Perez, and Rebekah Todd (absent). Next, Chief DeWitt recognized the following individuals for their 20 Years of Service to the District: Battalion Chief Andy Chicas, Lieutenant Michael Bucher, Lieutenant Thomas Harrison, Lieutenant Andrew Riggenbach, Firefighter Jared Carey, Firefighter Steven Edelsberg, Firefighter Adam Nolin (absent), Firefighter Robert Schmidt, and Firefighter Anthony Valentino.

**DISPOSALS**

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

**UNION BUSINESS**

Jordan Sauerwald, Vice President of Local 3444, stated that the Fourth of July website is live, they are seeking sponsors, and they are awaiting approval of the sample t-shirt.

Three of the four union executive board members traveled to Tallahassee for the Legislative Session. They spoke with the local State Representatives about issues of priority to the Florida Professional Firefighters.

The Union members are excited about the hiring of more firefighters.

## **COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief DeWitt asked the Commissioners for approval to hire additional firefighters over the four currently being hired. Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve a total of seven new firefighters. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. After some discussion, Commissioner Murphy amended his motion to approve the hiring of 7 to 10 new firefighters. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

## **CHIEFS' REPORTS**

### ***Chief Greg DeWitt***

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Ninety-two potential firefighters took the written exam. Fifty-eight of the top scorers moved on to the physical assessment. Twenty-eight to thirty will sit for oral interviews.
- Business After Hours is taking place at Top Golf in Fort Myers on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- Chief DeWitt, Assistant Chief Brod, and Deputy Chief Schmidt went to South Florida Emergency Vehicle to finalize the plans for the brush-high water vehicle. They should be here by late April or early May.
- Engine 27 should arrive the second week of March.
- The lieutenant's exam has taken place, and interviews will be held the last week of February.
- Former City Councilwoman Martha Simons has passed away, and I ask that you keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hugo seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.