

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**  
**Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting**  
**May 27, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Hernandez led everyone in the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Player led everyone in the pledge

**Roll Call:** Commissioners DeLacey, Price, Cammick, Player and Hernandez were present. Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, and District Attorneys John Agnew and Vee Lenard were present. Captain Simer, Engineer Bernard, and firefighters Corzo and Diele were present

Public: Auditors Chris Kessler, Alex Mitchell, and Johana Brito-Miseses were in attendance to present the district's annual audit.

**Setting of Agenda:** Commissioner DeLacey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Audit Report:** Principal Chris Kessler gave a brief overview of the completed audit report and financial statements for fiscal year 2025. The audit report is clean and no comments made or adjustments necessary. He also gave an outlook on some changes in reporting for the upcoming year as well as what to expect with the single audit next year over the grant for station 2. Commissioner Price moved to accept the final audit report and financial statements for fiscal year 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** 4/18/26 – 5/21/26 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. Commissioner DeLacey moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cash Disbursements:** 4/18/26 – 5/21/26 Commissioner Price moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Accountants Compilation Report:** Finance Manager Miles presented the month end report for April 30, 2026. Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioners' Expenses:** None.

**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Firefighters:** None.

**Union:** Captain Simer spoke to DVP Barr, the updates to the contract passed unanimously on the union side.

**Old Business:**

1. Station 2 Contract negotiations/approval: Finance Manager Miles explained the update to the subrecipient agreement from the county. The reason for the changes is to update the dollar amount awarded as well as a few clerical updates. **Commissioner Price moves to accept the changes to the subrecipient agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Legislation Update: It does not seem that a complete removal of property tax will be considered this year, however there is a special session June 1-3 for discussion of increasing homestead exemption significantly.
3. Station 2 Tower Easement: Attorney John Agnew updated the board on progress made. The initial relocation agreement sent by Crown Castle included outrageous demands of the district including a requirement by the district to carry all of their insurance on the tower. Given that it was clear that a settlement was far from reach administration got with the architect and engineer and have figured out how to shift the building on the parcel so that the easement would not have to be moved and no amendment to the agreement with Crown Castle would have to be made. This will require a redesign of the site but should be less costly than what would be required to move the current easement. In order to move forward with this the previous resolutions establishing new easements for electric and fiber access will need to be rescinded with **Resolution 2026-002: A resolution of the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, rescinding Resolutions 2025-006 and 2025-007 amending public utility easements relating to the reconstruction of Fire Station No.2 in Saint James City; providing for an effective date. Commissioner Price moved to accept Resolution 2026-002. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.** Additionally, in the mean time we have requested quotes from engineering and architecture on the re-design and have not gotten them back yet, but will need to move forward before the next regular meeting. **Commissioner Price moved to allow the chief to pursue the redesign at a cost of no more than \$75,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. OPEB Valuation: Finance Manager Miles has reached out to additional companies recommended by other local fire districts and only one has replied. The response was for \$2,900 for a full valuation and \$1,500 for the roll forward. This is less expensive than what our current provider is wanting to increase to. **Commissioner Price moves to engage VIA Actuarial Solutions for the 2026 OPEB valuation. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business: None

Chief's Report:

- Captain Simer updated the board on the new hires and ladder truck training. Chief added that a list of additional equipment necessary for the ladder truck is being made and will be incorporated into next year's budget.
- All of the personnel eligible have completed engineer classes. This will provide us with additional acting engineers in the near future.
- All three shifts participated in OB training put on by a labor and delivery nurse from Health Park.
- C shift participated in kickball with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The ladder truck was used to place a juvenile osprey back in its nest.

- The soft numbers should be in next week. We have our first workshop scheduled for next month.
- We have provided a job offer to a local mechanic to fill Gerry's position. We hope to have him start soon.
- We have a few employees that will be starting medic school soon. This will be shift friendly and has been condensed to right at a year, instead of 3 semesters.
- Engineer Saunders assisted in the rescue of an individual in a boating accident while off duty a few weeks ago.
- Assistant Chief Davis reviewed the monthly response report.
- Chief Mickuleit thanked Finance Manager Miles and the Board for another successful audit.
- Chief Mickuleit also thanked the board for the willingness to work with the union on the introduction of Kelly Days. We hope that this will create positive change for everyone.

**Public Comment:** Captain Simer commented that he believes the positive changes will help significantly with retention.

**Good of the District:** Congrats on Engineer Bernards promotion! 6/6/26 Kiwanis pool party at the Pine Island Community Pool.

**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Price moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah Miles*  
District Finance Manager

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Board Secretary