

February 15, 2024
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243.

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Jim Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
James Cena, Commissioner
Anthony Evans, Commissioner
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Rick Blanco, Assistant Chief
Dan Anderson, Training Chief
There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet.

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Station 4 remodel**

A/C Blanco: Official renovation plans have been submitted for permitting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fixed Asset Surplus

Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the fixed asset surplus. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

* **E12 surplus options**

Chief Blanco would like to know that direction to take once engine E12 is retired from the fleet. The options are to sell it or donate it MTC.

* **Firefighter new hires**

The hiring process for new hires will start in March. The plan is to hire 4 firefighters due to the retirements and promotions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status.

* **Union Report**

LT. Foss: MDA boot drive will be held 03/01/24-03/03/24 at the University Parkway intersection.

CHIEF'S REPORT

AC Blanco: District and the staff is well.

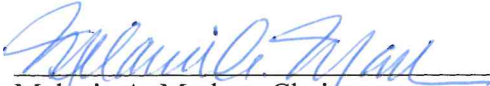
PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cena may not be in attendance next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent

James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer