

**OCTOBER 21, 2021
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson; Daniel Center; and Anthony Evans, Commissioners. Commissioners James Cena and James Grote were absent. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Deputy Fire Marshal Frank Meola, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **Length of Service Awards**

Lt Burton	30 years	FF Moore	25 years
Lt Foss	20 years	FF Yoder	20 years
FF McMullen	20 years	FF Pratt	20 years

FF Pratt was presented his award at the meeting. The others could not attend the meeting and will be given their awards at the earliest opportunity.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion with discussion on the Treasurers Report and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation – Update**
Assistant Chief Blanco updated the board on the status of the renovations.
- **Order Placed for New Engine**
FYI.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Status of Hiring**
Chief Bounds updated the board on the status of the Firefighter/Paramedic hiring.
1. **Truth in Millage (TRIM) Certification**
Chief Bounds noted that all reports have been certified by TRIM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Pension Committee

Chief Bounds noted that August stats were good.

Excise Taxes Received

Chief Bounds reported that the 2020 Premium Tax Distribution for the firefighter's pension plan has been received.

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Union Report

There was no report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 3.** Chief Bounds, Assistant Chief Blanco, Training Chief Thayer, and Deputy Fire Marshal Meola gave brief reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Marken asked for commissioner comments. Chief Bounds gave a couple of updates along with an approval on a Department of Transportation grant that Captain Bloski applied for and another Paramedic graduate. Commissioner Center noted that it was a good closeout to the year.

Chairperson Marken reported that the next meetings will be public hearings on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

ABSENT

James Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer