

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Shannon Martin, *Chair*
Travis Leonard, *Vice Chair*
Linda Hudson
Jamie Fowler
Stephanie Morgan
James Clasby
Curtis Johnson

**ST LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

Jeff Lee, *Fire Chief*
Tim Barger, *Clerk/Treasurer*
Kim Sabol, *Attorney*

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

August 19, 2026

I. Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Secretary Vicki Echazabal.

Due to absence of Chair and Vice Chair, Commissioner Stephanie Morgan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Johnson as Chair Pro Tem. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Leonard requested to appear telephonically.
Commissioner Clasby made a motion to approve this request.
Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

II. Roll Call:

Commissioner Fowler	Present
Commissioner Hudson	Present
Commissioner Martin	Absent
Commissioner Leonard	Present (by phone)
Commissioner Clasby	Present
Commissioner Morgan	Present
Commissioner Johnson	Present

III. Invocation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Proclamations & Special Presentations

- i. Citizen Hero Award
- ii. Good Samaritan Award
- iii. FYE 2025 Financial Statements – Jim Hartley

V. Commendations

EMPLOYEE COMMENDATIONS & DONATIONS

Received from:

Commending

1. Ryan Miller
SLCFD Captain

Training
Lt. Oscar Leiva

2. Ryan Miller
SLCFD Captain

Special Ops Team
FF/PM Jose Rosario

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| 3. Doug Wile
<i>SLCFD FF/PM</i> | <u>Station 7 / A Shift</u>
Lt. Matt Coney
FF/PM Gheyenne Guggeri
FF/EMT Cory Kouns
FF/PM Ivan Gutierrez
FF/EMT Jackson Cooper | <u>Station 19 / A Shift</u>
FF/PM John Edmondson
FF/PM Kayla Gammie
PM/Eng. Tristen Trefelner
FF/PM Eduardo Dorado
FF/PM Timothy Howard |
| | <u>D/C 1</u>
Battalion Chief Aaron Shaw | <u>FTO 1</u>
Lt. Richard Smith |
| 4. Michael Solimando
<i>ARCO Design/Build</i> | <u>CRR</u>
FF/PM Chad Gallagher | |
| 5. Dane Vachon
<i>SLCFD Division Chief</i> | <u>I.T.</u>
Edward Marcin | |
| 6. Ms. Paula Barnes
<i>Helping People Succeed</i> | <u>Station 18 / B Shift</u>
Lt. Michael Farrell
PM/Eng. Kevin Reilly
FF/PM Michael Hamilton
FF/PM Roger Clark
FF/PM Austin Halle | <u>CRR</u>
Stacey Carter |
| 7. Charles Miller
<i>Riverland Veteran's Club</i> | <u>B/C 2</u>
Battalion Chief J.P. Staropoli | <u>Station 20 / C Shift</u>
PM/Eng. Katherine Kaltenbach
FF/PM Brenden Ward
FF/PM Amber Allen
FF/PM Danny Garcia
FF/PM Samantha Corless |
| 8. Matthew Lamont
<i>SLCFD FF/PM</i> | <u>Station 17 / B Shift</u>
FF/PM Jeffrey Green | |

VII. Approval of Fire Board Meeting Minutes

i. Regular Meeting – July 15, 2026

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

VIII. Additions and/or Deletions to Agenda

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the agenda as-is.
Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

IX. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Disbursement – July 2026
- B. Authorized Spending Report – July 2026
- C. Budget Revenue Report – July 2026
- D. Investment Report – June 2026
- E. Statement of Interest – June 2026
- F. Financial Report – June 2026
- G. Ambulance Billing Report – June 2026
- H. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.

Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

X. Public Comments

Public comment made by Nicholas R, Unknown female, Chris T., Anonymous record requestor, Susan K., Adam H., Rick R., Steven G., Jordon H, Christopher B., Christopher C., Dawn.

XI. Comments from Union Representative

Ryan Sapp, President Local 1377 and other Local 1377 reps updated the fire board on Union business

XII. Public Hearings – NONE

XIII. Unfinished Business - NONE

XIV. New Business

- i. Reschedule Sept. 16, 2026 Regular Fire Board Meeting Time

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.

Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried

- ii. Professional Services Agreement – Medical Director Dr. Kenneth Palestrant, MD

Commissioner Clasby made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.

Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

- iii. RFP 26-0601 – Lawn & Landscape Maintenance Contract

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.

Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

iii. ITB 26-0602 – Janitorial Services Contract

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

iv. FY 2026/2027 Proposed Tentative Budget

No action. Informational purposes only.

v. Citizen Request for Agenda Item

District Attorney Sabol briefed the fire board on the request of the employee to have a 30 minute window to address the fire board.

Commissioner Clasby made a motion to allow 45 minutes to present.
Discussion ensued re: allotted time.
Motion modified to allow the original request of 30 minutes but allow for additional time if deemed necessary.
Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

Citizens Jordon Hutchinson and Chris Baldwin made their presentation to the fire board.

Board discussion ensued.

Commissioner Clasby made a motion to suspend District Attorney and Fire Chief until next fire board meeting.
Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion.
Vote by roll call as follows: Fowler – No.; Hudson – No; Leonard – Yes; Clasby – Yes;
Morgan – No; Johnson – No.

More board discussion ensued. Fire Board determined that the outside counsel who reviewed the complaint be brought in to answer fire board questions. Due to the need for a potential longer regular fire board meeting next month, Comm. Clasby made a motion to move the previously rescheduled September regular fire board meeting back to 3PM to allow enough time for discussion. Comm. Fowler seconded. Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was carried.

XV. Fire Board Resolutions - NONE

XVI. Comments by the Fire Chief

XVII. Comments by the Clerk Treasurer

XVIII. Comments by the District Attorney

XIX. Comments from Board Members

Commissioner Fowler stated that \$2,146 donation will be made to Lil' Feet from the Chamber of Commerce Spelling Bee she participated in.

XX. Determination of July Excused Absences

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to excuse absences.
Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion.
Vote by voice was unanimous and the motion was passed.

XXI. Adjournment

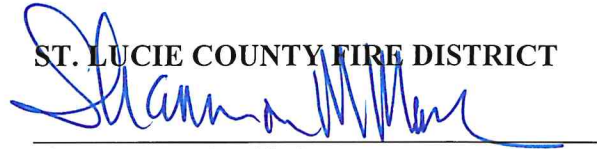
Commissioner Johnson adjourned the meeting without objection 5:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tim Barger, Clerk/Treasurer

ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT



Shannon Martin, Chair