

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD MEETING – STATION 57
3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd. Palm Harbor, FL 34685**

OFFICIAL
MINUTES

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AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER KENNEY
COMMISSIONER CROWDER
COMMISSIONER DOWNES
COMMISSIONER BURR
COMMISSIONER PEASLEY

ALSO PRESENT: JASON GENNARO, FIRE CHIEF
ETHAN EVANS, ATTORNEY

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order. The flag was honored by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

3. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND JULY 21, 2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DOWNES

SECOND: CROWDER

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: DOWNES

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

6. FIREFIGHTER REPORT – Lieutenant Hyde

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: DOWNES

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Station 58 Replacement Planning

Casey Cane from The Braun Group addressed the Board.

b. Fire Engine Manufacturer Lawsuit

c. SOG 105 – Wages

MOVE TO APPROVE SOG 105 AS PRESENTED WITH THE AMENDED LANGUAGE OF ADDING “THE FIRE CHIEF WILL DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH EACH COMMISSION MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY” AND ADD A STATEMENT THAT APPRAISALS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNION APPRAISALS.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: BURR

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

d. Surplus Equipment

MOVE TO APPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF THE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTED BY LIEUTENANT MORMANDO.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: CROWDER

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

e. Florida Amendment 3, Homestead Tax Exemptions, Property Assessments, and Spending Restrictions Amendment 2026

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT 3 WEBPAGE OF ELFR.ORG AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: CROWDER

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget Review FY 2026-2027

b. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification

MOVE TO APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

MOTION: PEASLEY

SECOND: CROWDER

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

c. SOG 108 Emergent Repair Station 57 HVAC

MOVE TO APPROVE EMERGENT EXPENSE TO ADDRESS THE STATION 57 HVAC UNIT THAT HAS FAILED.

MOTION: CROWDER

SECOND: PEASLEY

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

d. SOG 108 Sealed Bid – Station 57 Fire Alarm System

e. Fire Apparatus Purchasing Committee – Procurement Recommendation

MOVE TO AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR SPICHER TO MOVE UP TO \$3 MILLION INTO FLORIDA FIT TO GET THE INTEREST TO COVER THE COST OF 2 NEW TRUCKS.

MOTION: CROWDER

SECOND: PEASLEY

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONERS

a. MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 P.M.

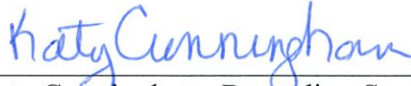
MOTION: CROWDER

SECOND: DOWNES

Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

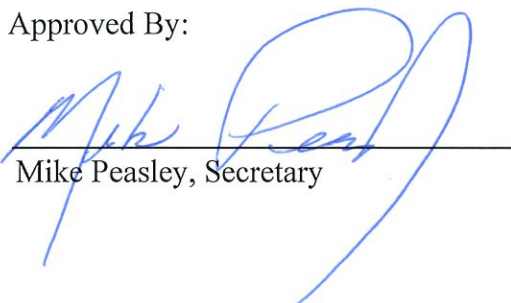
11. ADJOURNED TO THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 FIRST BUDGET HEARING AT 5:01 P.M.

Submitted by:



Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Mike Peasley, Secretary