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

MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONER KENNEY
COMMISSIONER CROWDER
COMMISSIONER DOWNES
COMMISSIONER PEASLEY

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

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BURR

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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 FINAL BUDGET HEARING AS PRESENTED.
   MOTION: CROWDER
   SECOND: PEASLEY
   Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   a. **Chief Lane presented Certificates of Bravery to three Boot Ranch Publix employees, Kevin Mathis, Aschlea Bagwell, and Luke Duwa for taking swift and brave action on a recent critical medical emergency at their store before our crews and Sunstar made it to the scene to provide treatment. Chief Lane also presented the crews on the call with Commendations and Peer Recognition certificates: Lieutenant Hittel, Driver Engineer Mansour, and Firefighters Banks, Meyer, and Monteleone.**
   b. **Chief Lane and Lieutenant Hyde presented Peer Recognition Certificates to Driver Engineer Daley and Firefighter Hodges.**

c. **Chief Lane presented Certificate of Bravery to Lon Atkins for breaking into a residence to check on and rescue someone needing medical attention and alerting 911.**

5. **EAST LAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
   MOVE TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AS PRESENTED.
   MOTION: PEASELY
   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**
   b. **Fire Engine Manufacturer Lawsuit**
   c. **Florida Amendment 3, Homestead Tax Exemptions, Property Assessments, and Spending Restrictions Amendment 2026**
      MOVE TO DIRECT THE FIRE CHIEF TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE BOARD TO BE ABLE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVE THE USE OF THE UNIFORM COLLECTION METHOD AT ITS NOVEMBER 2026 BOARD MEETING.
      MOTION: CROWDER
      SECOND: PEASLEY
      Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. **Absence 9/21/2026 Meeting - Commissioner Peasley**
      MOVE TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER PEASLEY'S ABSENCE FROM THE 9/21/2026 MEETING AS EXCUSED.
      MOTION: CROWDER
      SECOND: DOWNES
      Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

   b. **Pension Plan Update – Firefighter Rollins**
   c. **SOG 108**
      MOVE TO APPROVE SOG 108 AS PRESENTED.
      MOTION: PEASLEY
      SECOND: DOWNES
      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 6:12 P.M.
MOTION: PEASLEY
SECOND: CROWDER
Action on Motion: Upon Viva Voce Vote the motion passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNED TO THE NOVEMBER 17, 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

Katy Cunningham

Katy Cunningham, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

Mike Peasley

Mike Peasley, Secretary