



Board Of Fire Commissioners Emergency Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Navarre Beach Fire Rescue
1413 Utility Drive, Navarre, FL 32566
1 May 2026
Minutes Are Not Verbatim

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Commissioner Lang who also led the Pledge of Allegiance and established the quorum. Those in attendance were Chief Danny Fureigh, Admin. Assistant Joan Fryt, Beach Safety Director Ausin Turnbull, Firefighters Justin Price, Ed King, and Kyle Bevers. Commissioners Shelley Brummett, Ken Huete, Tony Pasvantis and Carl Clark.

Call to Order

Commissioner Lang established the quorum with all 5 commissioners present. He stated that this meeting is to discuss an employment matter for Chief Fureigh.

Public Comments

Chief Fureigh addressed the board. He read a long list of the various accomplishments and grants that he was responsible for since becoming the Fire Chief of Navarre Beach Fire Rescue. He also mentioned the successful lifeguard program that he oversees along with the Beach Safety Director Austin Turnbull. Chief Fureigh stated that he previously sent a letter out to the Commissioners stating that he had a problem. He then said that on April 2nd he violated probation with a failed drug test positive for cocaine which he said was so faint that he disputed it. He said that they sent it out to a lab and 27 days later, it came back as positive. He stated that he doesn't do cocaine. He said he then found out that he had a warrant and he turned himself in.

Keith Kilpatrick, an attorney representing the Chief, outlined his qualifications and his experience. He outlined the legal process related to the Chief's first arrest in September 2025 and also elaborated on the most recent legal process in which the Chief reported to the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's office for probation violation.

Board Discussion

Commissioner Clark moved to assign one board member and Administrative Assistant Joan Fryt to investigate the recent incident and track the pending court ruling for board evaluation. Commissioner Pasvantis seconded. Following discussion, the motion failed 3-2.

Chairman Lang asked if a Board member would like to make a motion to ratify the April 30th letter to the Chief which placed him on administrative leave until further notice. Commissioner Brummett made the motion to ratify and Commissioner Huete seconded it. All voted in favor. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Chairman Lang moved that the Board move forward terminating the Fire Chief effective June 1, 2026 and continuing the Fire Chief on administrative leave with pay through the termination effective date. Commissioner Brummett seconded it. After discussion, the motion carried with a vote of 3-2.

Chairman Lang moved to approve Resolution 003-26, which he read aloud, authorizing Vice Chairman Brummett and Staff Assistant Joan Fryt to finalize the Fire Chief's payroll and exit processing. Commissioner Huete seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (5-0)

Further to Resolution Number 003-26, Chairman Lang moved that the Board direct that Vice Chairman Brummett and Staff Assistant Joan Fryt to locate at least one qualified candidate for interim Fire Chief and to report to the Board of Fire Commissioners as soon as practicable. The motion carried 5-0

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on May 5th 2026 at 4:30 pm.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Brummett and seconded by Commissioner Huete to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Huete

Commissioner

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue, Secretary