

**Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Board of Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District**

June 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Litschauer at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Steve Litschauer, Bill Espy, Marnie Matarese, Beth Byron-Reasoner, and John Stevens.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Falcone led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM

Chairman Litschauer confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Litschauer asked if there was any discussion on the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Byron-Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Falcone recognized two promotions.

Firefighter Caden Whitfield was promoted to the rank of Third-Class Firefighter.

Firefighter Zach Hill was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Chairman Litschauer recessed the regular meeting at 6:08pm. The meeting was resumed at 6:10pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One citizen asked for clarification on the differences between Non-Ad Valorem assessments and Ad Valorem tax as it pertained to their property within the District. They continued to ask how the proposed property tax reform would affect the amount they owed in the future. Chief Falcone provided information relating to all questions asked.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Chief Falcone updated the Board on the proposed referendum for the November ballot. He also discussed the different types of property classifications in the District and how the proposed changes could affect the District's budget.

Commissioners inquired about the history of our milage rates. Chief Falcone explained the Truth in Milage process, and the requirements set forth by State Statues.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Audit Update

Chief Falcone updated the Board on the status of audit and that it was submitted to the State and we are awaiting final approval.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Draft 3

Chief Falcone presented draft 3 of the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget and explained the changes made since the last draft. He explained that the District is still in active negotiations with the labor union. He also explained the timeline for the renewal of the District's various insurance policies.

The Commissioners discussed the process for drafting budgets. They directed staff to prepare a balanced budget for the next commission meeting and show the district reserve funds as well.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Falcone explained that the District's call volume has been stable and is similar to last year's incident totals.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Stevens expressed appreciation for the District employees' work and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Litschauer thanked the Chief for his thorough communications about the proposed property tax reform.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 16, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Action: Commissioner Matarese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron-Reasoner. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Litschauer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

APPROVED

Chairman Steve Litschauer