



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

MEETING MINUTES
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FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026
3:30 P.M.

Committee Members	Attendance	1/2026 through 12/2026 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
John Vratsinas, Chair	P	1	0
Bruce Angier	P	1	0
David Cooper, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Michelle Heiser	P	1	0
John Hooper	A	0	1

Also Present

Wilfredo Negron, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Engineering
Ivey Kearson, Project Manager II, Engineering
Gary Foster, Senior Project Manager, Engineering
Jill Prizlee, P.E., Chief Engineer
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Rescue Chief
Victoria Bryan, Senior Administrative Assistant
Vickie Beauvais, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was present.

2. New Business

Motion to approve December 4, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Angier, seconded by Ms. Heiser, to approve the Committee's December 4, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Negron provided an update regarding the Fire Station projects. He reported that the Evaluation Committee ranked CORE Construction as the number one Design-Build firm. The City will now enter into negotiations with CORE Construction. If the City is unable to

reach an agreement with CORE Construction, negotiations will proceed with the second-ranked firm, and if necessary, with the third-ranked firm.

Mr. Negron explained that CORE Construction had been provided with a list of items requiring clarification and discussion, and the City planned to review those items with the firm within the following days. He reported that the overall process remains on schedule. The goal is to submit the contract to the City Commission for approval in April.

He also noted that the Development Review Committee (DRC) process is running concurrently with the Design-Build procurement process.

Chair Vratsinas inquired about a potential groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. Negron responded that construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and is expected to take approximately one year to complete. He further noted that Station 13 is the final station funded through the Fire Bond program and will be the last project in which the Board will be involved.

Mr. Negron stated that the new projects are fully funded based on the Consultant's Opinion of Probable Cost.

4. General

a. Communication to the City Commission

None

b. Public Comments

Chief Bacic thanked the Board for being here.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Adjournment – Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026

[Minutes prepared by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]