

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present: Chairman Nick Gradia, Vice-Chairman Daniel Mills, Treasurer
Felix Hernandez, Chief Whitfield
Absent: Secretary Jeremy Johnston, Commissioner Lynn Garrett

Chairman Gradia called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

a. Chairman Gradia led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silence

a. A moment of silence was observed.

4. Public Form

a. The Board acknowledges the public, no one was in attendance.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

a. April Minutes were reviewed. A Motion to approve the April Minutes was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Hernandez.
b. Motions passed, unanimously.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

a. Financial Report was reviewed. A Motion to approve the Financial Report was 1st made by Treasurer Hernandez and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Mills.
b. Motions passed, unanimously.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

a. Chief's Report was presented.
b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

8. Apparatus Replacement

a. Chief Whitfield discussed Engine 21, due to high demand between incident calls, training and daily wear was putting a lot of miles on it. Chief Whitfield would like to look for another Engine. Once Chief Whitfield finds the best deal and best delivered would like to bring it back to the Board for approval because it will take 20-28 months

- for delivery. Once the new Engine is placed in service, the department could reassign Engine 21 to reserve status. By doing this it will extend the service life for Engine 21.
- b. A Motion to Approve looking into purchasing another Fire Engine was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Hernandez.
 - c. Motions passed, unanimously.


9. Old/New Business

- a. Chairman Gradia asked about the vacancies within the department. Chief Whitfield reported the department hired a Firefighter/EMT this week and a Lieutenant's position will be filled soon. That leaves the department with two vacancies. Chairman Gradia asked about the Paramedic program. Chief Whitfield stated the department has one finishing soon and one starting in August. We also have two more signed up. This would put the department at five Paramedics.
- b. Treasurer Hernandez asked how the PAT program was going. Chief Whitfield stated, "overall going well."
- c. Chief Whitfield asked for next month's meeting to be moved. Everyone agreed to moving from June 15th to June 16th at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

10. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, a Motion to Adjourn was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Hernandez.
- b. Motions passed, unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

May Minutes approved this 16th day of June May 2026.



Nick Gradia, Chairman