

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2026

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

Absent: Treasurer Felix Hernandez

- a. Chairman Gradia called the meeting to order at approximately 6:37 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.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

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

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Financial Report was reviewed and there was a small discussion on when the department would receive the property tax revenue. A Motion to approve the Financial Report was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Secretary Johnston.
- 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. House Bill 4051 Final Analysis

- a. Chief Whitfield gave an update and reported the Bill had not been signed. The department doesn't know if the Bill will be as bad as originally reported or it could be worse. The department will have to wait until it's finalized.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

9. H.R. 2766 Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act of 2026

- a. Chief Whitfield expressed the importance of H.R. 2766 Bill and how it recognizes special districts. Bill H.R. 2766 will improve special districts' access to federal financial funding and assistance, such as federal grants and loans.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

10. Resolution Local Mitigation

- a. Chief Whitfield explained the purpose of having 26-01 Resolution Local Mitigation Resolution for Hazard Preparedness and Management for countywide planning the district faces our area and outlining actions it would reduce their impact before a disaster occur. It helps our eligibility for certain federal and state grants. This Resolution will help strengthen our preparedness, public infrastructure, reduce losses and improve the county's ability to recover from disasters.
- b. A Motion to approve the 26-01 Resolution as written and provided to the Board was 1st made by Secretary Johnston and 2nd by Commissioner Garrett.
- c. Motions passed, unanimously.

11. Old Business

- a. Vice-Chairman addressed the departments savings account interest and investment rates. A discussion was held as to the department searching for a better banking percentage offered for businesses. Chief Whitfield and department accountant have obtained a better interest rate for the department. The interest rate we will be accumulating will go to extra payments on outstanding loans.
- b. Secretary Johnston inquired about the loss of approximately \$264,000 and how we will cope with the loss. Chief Whitfield assured him that the department are taking cost saving measures.
- c. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

12. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

April Minutes approved this 18th day of May 2026.



Nick Gradia, Chairman