

Pace Fire Rescue District

Regular Meeting

November 24, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

- a. Secretary Johnston called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Secretary Johnston 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. A Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Commission Garrett.
- b. Motions passed, unanimously.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Financial Report was reviewed. Chairman Gradia asked if the Rescue refurbishment had been paid and Chief Whitfield say yes. Chief Whitfield said, “the one year warranty on the Rescue started when Station 4 opened”.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

7. Chief’s Report (Written report attached)

- a. Chief Whitfield presented the monthly report.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

8. State EMS Grant Final Update

- a. Chief Whitfield reported the district had received all funds from the grant. LifePak 15 was in service and ultrasound had been ordered. Once the ultrasound comes in it will be placed in service. The video laryngoscope has been ordered and will be put into service once it comes in.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

9. Tax Collector's return of excess funds

- a. Chief Whitfield reported we had received \$8,630.97 from the Tax Collector from unspent revenues. Chief Whitfield asked the Board to approve this money be applied toward the district's \$15,500.00 matching required for the EMS Grant that was recently awarded to the Pace Fire Rescue District. If this was approved, it would reduce the amount of general funds needed to fulfill the district's grant match obligation. A Motion to approve was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Commission Garrett.
- b. Motions passed, unanimously.

10. Local Options Sales Tax Reimbursement Request

- a. Chief Whitfield reminded the Board that the voters had approved each fire district receiving an allocation of \$500,000 for capital equipment purchases over the next five years. In 2024, we spent \$300,000 to purchase Squad 21. The remaining \$200,000 was spent on refurbishment of Rescue 21 to extend the service life of the until and maintain operational reliability. A request has been submitted to Santa Rosa County for reimbursement of \$200,000 which will complete the district's current LOST cycle. Secretary Johnston asked, "how long would it take to get the reimbursement", Chief Whitfield replied, "it should take about a week."
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

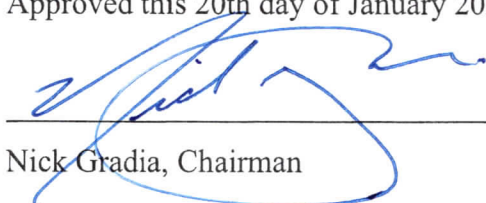
11. Addition/Deletions

- a. Chairman Gradia updated everyone on meeting with Representative Boyles. The Bill should've been filed, but he hasn't checked on what if anything had been changed.
- b. Secretary Johnston asked if there was going to be a sign up at Station 4 at the curve for traffic. Chief Whitfield has Derrick Pratt looking into the solar panel signs.

12. Motion to Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, a Motion to Adjourn was 1st Vice-Chairman Mills made by and 2nd by Secretary Johnston.
- b. Motion passed, unanimously.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of January 2026.



Nick Gradia, Chairman