

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
June 16, 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 5:00 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. Minutes were reviewed. A Motion to approve the Minutes was 1st made by Treasurer Hernandez and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Mills.
- b. Motions passed, unanimously.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Financial Report was reviewed. Chairman Gradia inquired about unpaid fire taxes and Chief Whitfield said the Tax Collector's Office had contacted the parties. Chairman Gradia asked Chief Whitfield to contact the department's attorney to see what if any options the department has to ensure payment.
- b. A Motion to approve the Financial Report was 1st made by Treasurer Hernandez and 2nd by Vice-Chairman Mills.
- c. Motions passed, unanimously.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

- a. Chief's Report was presented. Chairman Gradia asked about the ISO rating and whether we were going to notify the public? Chief Whitfield replied, "yes, there will be a notification going out the closer we get to the effective date of September 1st."
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

8. Audit Report

- a. Kristine McAllister, Auditor with Warren Averett, reported on the department's audit. Ms McAllister discussed the capital assets and the department Pension Plan and that no issues were found as reported in the Audit Report.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

9. PPC (ISO) Classification 2026

- a. Chief Whitfield reported that the department had gone from a Class 4/4X to a Class 3/3X, this will be effective September 1, 2026. This lower ISO rating should have an effect on homeowner's insurance cost which will be based on each individual insurance company.
- b. Informational purposes only, no action is needed.

10. Property Appraiser Budget Numbers FY 2026/2027

- a. Chief Whitfield received fiscal year 2026-2027 report from the Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser's Office. The report reflects an approximate \$102,121 budget reduction compared to the current fiscal year.
- b. Informational purpose only, no action is needed.

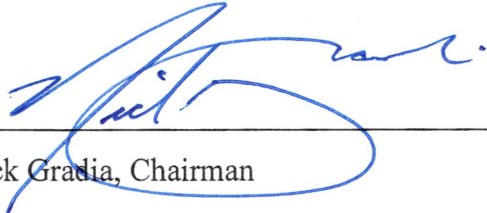
11. Resolution 26-02

- a. Chairman Gradia read Resolution 26-02 recognizing Deputy Fire Chief Wallace "Buster" Wadkins for 50 years of dedicated public service. Chief Whitfield read two letters congratulating Deputy Chief Wadkins, one from Senator Rick Scott and one from Representative Jimmy Patronis.
- b. A Motion to approve Resolution 26-02 was 1st made by Vice-Chairman Mills and 2nd by Treasurer Hernandez.
- c. Motions passed, unanimously.

12. 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 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on this 14th day of July, 2026.



Nick Gradia, Chairman