

Bonnet Shores Fire District
Combined Special Council and Budget Meeting
130 Bonnet Shores Road
May 6, 2026
6:30 pm

A Combined Special Council and Budget Meeting of the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council was called to order at 6:44 pm on May 6, 2026 by Council Chair Leslie McKnight. Other Council members in attendance were: John Chereskin, Tony Girardi, Melissa Jenkins, Faith LaSalle, and Kevin O'Brien. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes - Prior to the meeting the draft minutes of the April 9, 2026 Public Budget Workshop were distributed to the Council. They will be reviewed by the Budget Committee.

Public Comment

- Joe Iannucci – given the on-going unresolved issue regarding voting rights, he recommended that the Fire District not tax the owners of condominium units at Bonnet Shores Beach Club.

New and Ongoing Business

1. Council Representatives to the Nominating Committee – J. Chereskin moved, and M. Jenkins seconded, that Kevin O'Brien and Melissa Jenkins be appointed as the 2026 Council representatives to the Nominating Committee. The Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. Budget Discussion – J. Chereskin introduced the draft budget for the period May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027, that had been prepared by himself and Neal Prescott, copies of which had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. The final budget is intended to be approved at the May 20, 2026 Council meeting. He discussed the assumptions made in preparing the budget. A discussion ensued, including as related to anticipated legal fees.

During the discussion, and prior to taking any action, at approximately 7:45 pm, L. McKnight and T. Girardi left the meeting.

Given the absence of Council members, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Patterson
Clerk