

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT  
MARCH 3, 2011**

**Date:** Thursday, March 3, 2011

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Robert A. Kulchar, Vice Chairman; and Anthony Evans, Treasurer, Mark D. Ruben, Secretary and John J. Barry, III, Commissioner were in attendance. Also in attendance were Administrative Assistant Debbie Tuckerman and General Counsel Maggie Mooney-Portale. The guest sheet containing signatures is attached.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

Commissioner Kulchar gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant welcomed everyone, and explained that this is a workshop and there would be no comments from the public at tonight's meeting.

**SELECTION PROCESS OF FIRE CHIEF**

Chairman Durant distributed an information packet to each board member with suggestions on where to start the Fire Chief Selection process. The Fire Commissioners discussed that while the board establishes a process for the selection, the Parrish Fire District Board of Commissioners should be approached to see if they would accept compensation for Chief Johnson's services as Fire Chief for a period of time. Discussion continued on how to advertise and narrow down resumes during the Fire Chief Selection process. There was some discussion on the creation of an Interview Committee and possibly having a committee narrow down candidates. There was also discussion about the possibility of candidate interviews by each Fire Commissioner individually. Proper adherence to the Florida Sunshine Law was discussed. The Fire Commissioners discussed looking over the information provided by Chairman Durant and scheduling another workshop in the near future. The scheduling of the next workshop will be brought up at the next meeting.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments.

**The workshop was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:

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Mark Ruben, Secretary

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