

RESOLUTION 2024-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDED RULES RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT MEETINGS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners welcomes public participation but wishes to adopt rules relative to public participation in District meetings so as to embrace civility in public deliberations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District hereby adopts the amended Rules Relative to Participation in District Meetings, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner DeLacey, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cammick, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

TONYA PLAYER	<u>Aye</u>
NEIL PRICE	<u>Absent</u>
JOHN CAMMICK	<u>Aye</u>
JAMIE DELACEY	<u>Aye</u>
JOE HERNANDEZ	<u>Aye</u>

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 25th day of September 2024.

EXHIBIT "A"

MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT **AMENDED RULES RELATIVE TO PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT MEETINGS**

1. It is the goal of the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District and its Board of Commissioners to foster an environment that encourages a fair discussion and exchange of ideas without fear of disruption and personal attacks.
2. Persons are encouraged to participate in the governmental process so that the Board of Commissioners and those following the proceedings may understand one another's points of view.
3. Speakers should raise their hand to be recognized. Speakers should identify themselves, by name and address, for the record. Speakers shall only address comments to the Board or the Chairperson, not individual board members.
4. Only the speaker recognized by the Chairman has the floor. Speakers are permitted to deliver their comments without interruption during their allotted time.
5. Each speaker will be permitted, by right, to speak one (1) time for no more than three (3) minutes per agenda item, unless otherwise requested or permitted to speak again by the Chairman of the meeting. Additional speaking time, over the 3 minutes per agenda item, is a privilege and not a right. Other individuals are not permitted to "yield" their time for the purpose of extending a speaker's time limit.
6. Sidebar discussions while others are speaking are not permitted in the meeting room. These discussions are to be removed from the meeting room so as not to be disruptive to those conducting and following District business.
7. The Board will hear citizen comments only at the times specified in the Board's meeting agenda, unless a majority of the Board members present votes to hold a new comment period.
8. Unauthorized remarks, stamping feet, whistling, and similar demonstrations disruptive to the orderly process of the Board meeting are prohibited during any meeting of the Board. Furthermore, during any meeting of the Board, persons must not:
 - a. Interrupt the Board's proceedings or the comments of any person recognized by the Chairperson in any manner.
 - b. Make obscene or slanderous remarks.
 - c. Behave in a disruptive manner.
 - d. Hold, wave, or display any banner or sign in a way that causes a physical hazard or blocks another person's view of the proceedings.

- e. Refuse to follow the instructions of the Chairperson or comply with these policies or any other rules governing the Board's proceedings.
9. The Chairperson may order the removal of any person engaged in behavior prohibited by these policies.

2025 Fiscal Calendar

MPIFCFD Holidays

Regular Board Meetings
Workshop Meetings

October 2024						
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MPIFCFD Holidays

Nov 11, 2024	Veterans Day	Jan 1, 2025	New Year's Day	May 26, 2025	Memorial Day	Sep 1, 2025	Labor Day
Nov 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	Jan 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day	Jun 19, 2025	Juneteenth	Sep 11, 2025	Patriot's Day
Dec 25, 2024	Christmas Day	Feb 17, 2025	Presidents' Day	Jul 4, 2025	Independence Day		