

**Emergency Fire Commissioner Meeting November 18, 2010**

**Immokalee Fire Control Board  
Emergency Meeting  
November 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee at 7:03 PM. Present were Chairman Lee, Commissioners Terrie Aviles, Pam Brown, Joe Matthews and Edward Olesky, Fire Chief Scott Birge, Deputy Chief Raul Dimas Jr., Fire Marshal Leo Rodgers, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Chief Birge's personal attorney Christopher Marsala, Ann Carver, Chelsea Crain, Jason Burr, Union President Tom Cunningham, firefighters and members of the public. The pledge of allegiance and silent prayer were led by Chairman Lee.

**These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape.**

Commissioner Matthews made a motion to declare the meeting an emergency due to the issues brought to the Board's attention in regards to improper spending. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The motion was called into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commissioner Matthews made a motion to dismiss Chief Birge as Fire Chief. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Commissioner Matthews and Lee voted yes. Commissioners Aviles, Olesky and Brown voted no. Motion failed.

A Special Meeting was agreed upon to allow Chief Birge time to review the material and present a case for defense. The meeting was set for November 12, 2010.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to suspend Chief with pay for seven days. Commissioner Aviles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown amended her motion to without pay. Commissioner Aviles retracted her second. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. Commissioner Matthews left the meeting. Commissioners Brown and Lee voted yes. Commissioner Aviles and Olesky voted no. Motion failed.

Commissioner Aviles made a motion to suspend Chief Birge with pay until the Special Meeting on November 12, 2010. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was called into question. Commissioners Aviles, Brown and Olesky voted yes. Commissioner Lee voted no. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.