
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

The in-person and virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Executive Board was held on March 19, 2026. The meeting started at approximately 9:57 a.m. A quorum of the executive committee was present.

BOARD MEMBERS’ PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick (zoom)
Mayor Dr. Debbie Lux – City of Punta Gorda

Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel
Councilman Scott Schultz – City of Naples

Glades County: Commissioner Tim Stanley

Hendry County: None

Lee County: None

Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice

Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Rebekah Harp – SWFRPC, Interim Executive Director
Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC, Deputy Director/Portfolio Manager/LEPC Coordinator

Zoom Attendance

Ms. Tara Szydowski, Terracon
Mr. John Griffin, Terracon
Ms. Rachel Ingle – City of Sarasota
Stephanie Reed - SFWMD

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. AGENDA

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

a) MINUTES: February 19th, 2026

Councilman Ron Smith offered a motion to accept the January 15th Council/Executive Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

b) FINANCIALS

i. February Financials

Commissioner Tim Stanley offered a motion to accept January financials. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Twelve Month Financial Projection: **(No Action Needed)**

7. DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT

a) Regional Brownfields Presentation

The SWFRPC's Brownfields Environmental Consultant, Terracon, provided an overview of both past and ongoing Brownfields projects in the region.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) Grant Activity Sheet

Per Councils request, staff provides a revised grant activity sheet each month.

a) Per Capita County Assessments

Per Councils request, staff includes the per capita member assessment breakdown for FY26.

9. REPORTS

a) Directors Report

Ms. Harp provided an update on the audit and noted that the final report will be presented at the June 18 Council meeting.

Ms. Harp also reported on recent meetings attended and shared upcoming project meeting dates.

b) LEPC Report

- Staff provided an update on ongoing and upcoming training opportunities in the region

as well as the FY25-26 Planned Activities, including:

- Hazard Analysis Site Visits- 24 total annually
- Regional Training Needs Assessment
- LEPC/FDEM Offshore Hazardous Materials Training

c) FRCA Monthly Activity Report, FRCA Annual Report, FRCA Bills of Interest

- FRCA’s monthly activity report provided to Council for information.
- FRCA’s Bills of Interest provided to Council for information.

b) State Agencies Comments/Reports

Mr. Phil Flood provided an update on water conservation efforts during the dry season.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Don McCormick commented that, after 18 years of observing the Planning Council, he believes the organization is doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Tim Stanley remarked to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel introduced City of Naples Council Member Scott Schultz. The Council welcomed Mr. Schultz and discussed the importance of regional planning and communication among local governments.

Councilman Scott Schultz expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and stated he was happy to be in attendance.

Mayor Dr. Debbie Lux expressed appreciation to the Planning Council for its continued support and assistance to the City.

Councilman Ron Smith had no comments.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:53 a.m.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Chair

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