
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, January 15, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

The in-person and virtual zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Executive Board was held on January 15, 2026. The meeting started at approximately 3:00pm. A quorum of the executive committee was present.

BOARD MEMBERS’ PRESENT

Charlotte County: Mr. Don McCormick (zoom)
Collier County: Commissioner Bill McDaniel
Glades County: Commissioner Tim Stanley
Hendry County: None
Lee County: None
Sarasota County: Councilman Ron Smith – City of Venice (zoom)
Ex-Officio Members: None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Rebekah Harp – SWFRPC, Interim Executive Director
Ms. Asmaa Odeh – SWFRPC, Deputy Director/Portfolio Manager/LEPC Coordinator (zoom)
Mr. Dan Trescott – Trescott Planning Services

Zoom Attendance

Ms. Rachel Ingle – City of Sarasota
Mr. Jim Paulmann – Stantec
Mr. Peter Economou

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. AGENDA

*Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Tim Stanely seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

a) MINUTES: November 21st, 2025 and December 18th, 2025

*Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to accept the November 21st and December 18th 2025, Council/Executive Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

b) FINANCIALS

i. December Financials

*Commissioner Tim Stanley offered a motion to accept December financials. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

ii. 3 Month Financial Projection (Jan – Mar): (No Action Needed)

c) MEMBER NOMINATIONS – Election of Officers for Vacant Positions

*Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to nominate Commissioner Michael Atkinson as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

d) FRCA APPOINTMENTS

*Councilman Ron Smith volunteered to serve as SWFRPC’s appointed representative on the FRCA Policy Board. Commissioner Bill McDaniel seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

7. DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT

Commissioner Bill McDaniel offered a motion to accept the Palmer Ranch Increment XXXI

*Development Order. Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) Grant Activity Sheet

As requested by the Council, staff provides a revised grant activity sheet each month.

a) Per Capita County Assessments

As requested by the Council, staff includes the per capita member assessment breakdown for FY 25-26. Council requested staff to highlight paying members.

9. REPORTS

a) Directors Report

- FDEP Resiliency grant – Submittal of Task 4 (Regional Forum) deliverables and invoicing
- LEPC HazMat Symposium Coordination – registrations and hotels
- Sarasota County Meeting – Scheduled for February 3rd
- FRCA Appointments – 3 representatives
 - Attend Winter Policy Board in Tallahassee: January 28-29th

b) LEPC Report

- 13th Annual 2026 HazMat Symposium
 - 2025 Thomas Yatabe Award – Certificate of Outstanding Achievement
 - 13 Trained First Responders across the SWFRPC Region
 - 76 Total Sessions = 228 Hours
 - 80 – Tuesday
 - 58 – Wednesday
 - 88 – Thursday
 - 2 – Friday

c) FRCA Monthly Activity Report

- Winter Policy Board Meeting in Tallahassee on January 30th.
- Development of 2026 Legislative Priorities
- FRCA's Annual Report

- Florida Chamber Foundation's
 - 2026 Florida Economic Outlook & Jobs Solution Virtual Summit:
 - January 29th - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm:
 - Registration Promo Code EOJSpeak26

b) State Agencies Comments/Reports

No Comments or Reports were given.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

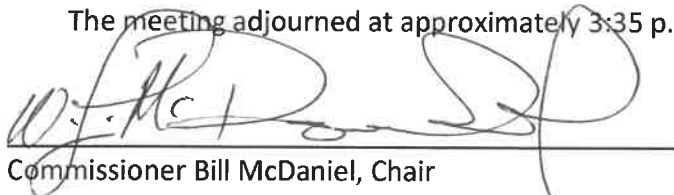
11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Tim Stanley mentioned that he will be attending the Rural County Days in Tallahassee

Commissioner Bill McDaniel reported that the Winn-Dixie in Immokalee will close and reopen as an Aldi. Because Aldi does not accept WIC and has limited SNAP acceptance, this change may reduce access to grocery options for residents who rely on these benefits.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.



Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Chair

The meeting was duly advertised in the January 7, 2025, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 52, Number 04.