
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, February 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 February 19, 2026. The meeting started at approximately 10:02 a.m. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

BOARD MEMBERS’ PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Zoom Attendance

Ms. Jennifer Hecker – CHNEP
Ms. Rachel Ingle – City of Sarasota

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. AGENDA

Commissioner Tim Stanely offered a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

a) MINUTES: January 15th, 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. January Financials

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

c) Sarasota/Manatee MPO: Updated ICAR Agreement

Commissioner Tim Stanley offered a motion to approve the updated Sarasota/Manatee MPO ICAR Agreement. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT

a) Regional Brownfields Project

Staff provided an update on the Regional Brownfields Strategy Plan and requested the council to provide at minimum of two (2) known or potential sites per county.

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 FY 25-26.

9. REPORTS

a) Directors Report

Ms. Harp provided updates on recent FRCA meetings in Tallahassee. She also reported on a productive meeting with the Sarasota County Commissioner and will follow up regarding a

potential board presentation. Additionally, she noted that the audit is currently underway, with the final report expected by the June Council meeting.

b) LEPC Report

- Ms. Odeh 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 Annual Report printed for distribution
- FRCA’s Bills of Interest provided to Council for information.

b) State Agencies Comments/Reports

No Comments or Reports were given.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Tim Stanley commented commended the Council on its progress, noting that the organization is moving in the right direction. He also expressed appreciation for the increased training opportunities being brought to the area.

Commissioner Michael Atkinson noted that he previously served on the SWFRPC in 2016 while representing the City. He commented that he already sees a significant difference compared to that time, based on meetings he attended via Zoom, and expressed his appreciation for the work that has been done.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 a.m.



Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Chair

The meeting was duly advertised in the February 9, 2026, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 52, Number 26.