SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

The virtual Zoom meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's Council/Executive Board was held on July 16, 2026. The meeting started at approximately 10:00 a.m. A quorum of the executive committee was present.

BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT

Charlotte County:	Mr. Don McCormick – Governor Appointee
Collier County:	Commissioner Bill McDaniel
Glades County:	Commissioner Tim Stanley
Hendry County:	Commissioner Michael Atkinson (zoom)
Lee County:	None
Sarasota County:	Councilman Ron Smith
Ex-Officio Members:	Mr. Phil Flood – SFWMD
	Mr. Wayne Gaither - FDOT

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Rebekah Harp - SWFRPC, Executive Director
Ms. Asmaa Odeh - SWFRPC, Deputy Director/Portfolio Manager/LEPC Coordinator
Ms. Anushi Obeysekera - SFWMD
Mr. Dirk Danley – Lee County Economic Development
Mr. Don Scott – Lee County MPO
Ms. Carmen Monroy – Collier County MPO
Ms. Marybeth Soderstrom – HRTPO
Mr. Ryan Brown – Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Mr. Lakshmi Gurram – Charlotte County - Punta Gorda MPO
Mr. Bob Finney – Collier County Sherrif Department (zoom)
Ms. Stephanie Reed – SFWMD (zoom)
Ms. Lia Goodman – SFWMD (zoom)
Ms. Rochelle Gallant – City of Sarasota (zoom)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were noted during the meeting.

5. AGENDA

Commissioner Tim Stanley made a motion to accept the July 16, 2026, Council/Executive Meeting Minutes. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

a) MINUTES: June 18, 2026

Councilman Ron Smith made a motion to accept the June 18, 2026, Council/Executive Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

b) FINANCIALS

ii. JUNE FINANCIALS

Staff presented the June financials.

Commissioner Tim Stanley made a motion to accept the June financials as presented. Councilman Ron Smith seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. 12 MONTH FINANCIAL PROJECTION

Staff presented the 12-month financials and noted that the item was provided for informational purposes only, with no action required.

7. REGIONAL IMPACT

a) SFWMD Presentation by Ms. Anushi Obeysekera, Flood Control and Water Supply Planning Bureau Chief

Ms. Anushi Obeysekera, presented an update on Lower West Coast water supply conditions. The presentation covered current rainfall, drought and groundwater conditions; saltwater intrusion monitoring; water-use restrictions and conservation efforts; projected population and water-demand growth; and coordination with local governments and utilities. She also reviewed the schedule for the 2027 Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan update, future groundwater modeling, saltwater intrusion mapping, and related local comprehensive planning requirements.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) Grant Activity Sheet

Per Council's request, staff provided the revised grant activity sheet for information.

b) Per Capita County Assessments

Per Council's request, staff provided the per capita member assessment breakdown for FY26 for information.

9. REPORTS

a) Directors Report

Ms. Harp provided the Director's Report, including updates on the proposed FY27 budget, probationary period, and FRCA Policy Board upcoming meeting.

b) LEPC Update Report

Ms. Odeh provided updates on FDEM Florida's Training for Emergency Management and IAFC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conferences

c) State Agencies Comments/Reports

State agency representatives were invited to provide comments or reports to the Council. The item was informational, and no formal action was taken.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was noted.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council members were provided with an opportunity to share comments and updates. No formal action was taken under this item.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:09 p.m.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Chair

The meeting was duly advertised in the July 06, 2026, issue of the Florida Administrative Register, Volume 52, Number 129.