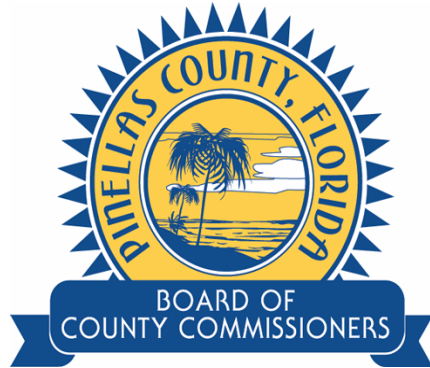


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*333 Chestnut Street
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Minutes - Final

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners

*Brian Scott, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
René Flowers
Chris Latvala
Vince Nowicki
Kathleen Peters
Chris Scherer*

ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.

Present: Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Not Present: Commissioner René Flowers

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Ashley Pabilonia, Board Reporter

1. Housing Initiatives Update:

a.) Affordable Housing Program Review

b.) Housing Regulatory Toolkit - Affordable Housing Regulations Update

Report and discussion regarding rising housing costs, demand for affordable housing, efforts to support homeownership, affordable housing development policies and incentives, Penny for Pinellas, and the Affordable Housing Development Program.

Staff presenter: Bruce Bussey, Housing and Community Development

Partner presenters: Caitlin Johnson, SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC; and Alan Steinbeck, 3TP Ventures

Documents displayed: *Affordable Housing Development Program Review* and *Housing Initiatives Update*

2. Budget Forecast

Report and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget, including an overview of the budget process, priorities, budget drivers, proposed fee increases, Penny for Pinellas, FY 2025 projections, reserve funds, and upcoming budget information sessions.

Later in the meeting, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ken Burke discussed the County's borrowing capacity.

Staff presenters: Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget

Document displayed: *Preparing the FY26 Budget: An Introduction to the Budget Information Sessions*

3. Strategic Plan Update

Report and discussion regarding the Strategic Plan, including priorities, goals, strategies, and related projects.

Following discussion, Chair Scott indicated that there is consensus to retain the language of Goal 1.1 as written; and that there is consensus to proceed with the Strategic Plan.

Staff presenter: Matthew Spoor, County Administration

Document displayed: *Strategic Plan Update*

4. Forms of Government

Report and discussion regarding strengths and weaknesses of various forms of local government, the Board of County Commission Chair and Vice-Chair roles, and accountability of elected officials.

Staff presenter: Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Commissioner Latvala left the meeting at 12:48 P.M.

5. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the May 20 BCC meeting, Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard and staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to comments and queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:40 P.M.