# **Pinellas County**

333 Chestnut Street Clearwater, FL 33756



### **Minutes - Final**

Thursday, April 17, 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 - 9:32 A.M.

Present: Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris

Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris

Scherer

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Jessica Oakes, Board

Reporter

Chair Scott indicated that a motion is needed to allow Commissioner Eggers to participate virtually; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Latvala and carried unanimously.

1. One Pinellas Business Alliance with St. Petersburg College

Report and discussion regarding updates related to Fiscal Year 2025 Economic Development initiatives and the purpose, accomplishments, and coordinated efforts of the One Pinellas Business Alliance.

Staff presenter: Cynthia Johnson, Pinellas County Economic Development Partner presenters: Bart Diebold, City of Pinellas Park; Chris Steinocher, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce; and Tonjua Williams, St. Petersburg College Document displayed: *Economic Development Update: One Pinellas Business Alliance and Workforce Development* 

#### 2. Visit St. Pete/Clearwater Update

Report and discussion regarding the purpose and mission of Visit St. Pete-Clearwater, Fiscal Year 2024 economic impacts, hotel and vacation rental supply and demand, past and current advertising campaigns, and Fiscal Year 2025 initiatives and priorities.

Staff presenter: Brian Lowack, Visit St. Pete-Clearwater

Document displayed: Visit St. Pete-Clearwater Board of County Commissioners Update

### 3. Utilities Project Updates

Report and discussion regarding Utilities Policy Manual modernization, the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program and Enforcement Response Plan, and the County's reclaimed water system.

Staff presenter: Jeremy Waugh, Utilities Document displayed: *Project Updates* 

#### 4. Tierra Verde Municipal Services Taxing Unit Update

Discussion regarding the proposed Tierra Verde Municipal Services Taxing Unit, including concerns expressed by citizens and ongoing community engagement.

Meeting Recessed: 11:49 A.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:28 P.M.

#### 5. CDBG-DR Action Plan Update

Report and discussion regarding the Draft Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery, including timeline, resident survey and unmet needs assessment results, breakdown of the proposed budget, various proposed programs, and next steps.

Partner presenters: Jenna Abbey and Ryan Flanery, HORNE Document displayed: *Pinellas Recovers: CDBG-DR Program* 

#### 6. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the April 22 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to comments and queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:49 P.M.