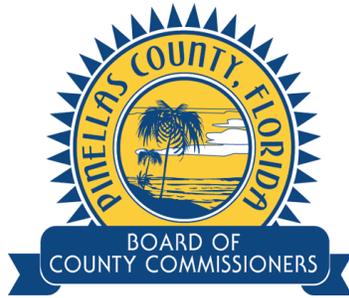


Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
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Minutes - Final

Thursday, October 2, 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 Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Absent: Commissioner Chris Latvala

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

Chair Scott indicated that Commissioner Scherer will be participating virtually for today's meeting; whereupon, he requested a motion. Commissioner Peters made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Flowers and carried unanimously.

1. Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Services Update

Report and discussion regarding the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, including its mission statement, leadership and executive management, membership, focus areas, services offered, recent projects, committees and initiatives, membership dues, and partnerships.

Partner presenters: Wren Krahl and Alana Todd, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Document displayed: *Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Services*

2. Ambulance Transport - Insurance Preauthorization Update

Report and discussion regarding pre-authorization for non-emergency ambulance transports, as required by third-party insurance companies, including details related to the origin of the pre-authorization requirement, fiscal impacts to the County and patients, potential litigation in cases of non-payment, actions taken by staff related to pre-authorization, and potential solutions.

Staff presenters: Jim Fogarty, Safety and Emergency Services
Document displayed: *Non-Emergency Ambulance Pre-Authorization (PA) Required by Insurance*

3. People First Pinellas (CDBG-DR) Policy Discussion

Report and discussion regarding the People-First Hurricane Recovery Programs, including details related to funding allocations, process for procuring general contractors, eligibility requirements, application process, and policy recommendations.

Staff presenter: Matthew Spoor, County Administration
Partner presenters: Jenna Abbey and Danny Permar, Horne
Document displayed: *People First Hurricane Recovery Programs*

Meeting Recessed: 12:20 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:34 P.M.

4. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the October 7 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to comments and queries by the members.

Deviating from the agenda, Mr. Burton provided details regarding organizational changes, indicating that the Purchasing and Risk Management Division will be moved into the Office of Management and Budget; and that the Fleet Management Division will be moved into the Office of Resilience and Asset Management.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:52 P.M.