

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

2:00 P.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:01 P.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair Chris Latvala, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, Commissioner Chris Scherer, and Commissioner Brian Scott

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Ashley Pablonia, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Commissioner Flowers**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Scherer**

Chair Eggers requested a motion to allow Commissioner Scott to attend the meeting virtually; whereupon, Commissioner Latvala made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Nowicki and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**1. Memorial Day Proclamation:**

- Mrs. Tiphane Downs, President, Gulf Coast Chapter of The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
- Mrs. Toni Gross, Center for Development and Civic Engagement and Founder of Gold Star Awareness

Chair Eggers invited Mses. Downs and Gross and American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Gulf Coast Chapter Vice President Jean Uffalussy to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day; whereupon, Mses. Downs, Gross, and Uffalussy provided brief comments regarding Memorial Day symbols and their late sons' service in the United States Armed Forces.

2. National Safe Boating Week Proclamation:

- Betsy Scott, Commander, Clearwater Flotilla 11-1, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Chair Eggers invited Ms. Scott and Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Karen Miller to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing May 16 through 22, 2026, as National Safe Boating Week; whereupon, Ms. Scott expressed appreciation for the recognition and provided brief comments regarding the work performed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 and ways in which individuals can practice boating safety measures.

3. National Public Works Week Proclamation:
- Joey Thames, Environmental Compliance Manager
 - Maxine Moore, Floodplain Specialist
 - William Redding, Arborist 2
 - Michael Jones, Stormwater Crew Chief II
 - Tiffany Spallone, Construction Engineering Inspector 1
 - Irina Ritchea, Data Analyst
 - Annette Zarucki, Survey and Mapping Support Specialist
 - Luke Hanley, Business Intelligence Analyst
 - Darby Bryant, Transportation Coordinator
 - Nik Papadopoulos, Signal Timing Engineering Specialist 2

Chair Eggers invited Pinellas County Public Works staff members to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing May 17 through 23, 2026, as National Public Works Week; whereupon, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy expressed appreciation for the recognition and provided brief comments regarding the work performed by staff in the Public Works Department.

4. Code Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Week Proclamation:
- Jude Reazin, Division Manager, Housing Official
 - Keith Vargus, Operations Manager
 - Shana Patrick, South County Supervisor
 - Kerry McDermott, Central County Supervisor
 - Eric Jewett, North County Supervisor
 - Angela Dunne, Office Manager
 - Diane Devol, Magistrate Officer
 - Jamie Padgett, Contractor Licensing Investigator

Chair Eggers invited Building and Development Review Services staff members to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing June 1 through 5, 2026, as Code Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Week; whereupon, Mr. Reazin expressed appreciation for the recognition.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

5. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)
Greg Gardner, Largo (spoke on behalf of others in attendance)
Kelly Lyn, Safety Harbor
Marco Notarianni, Tampa
Alan Tripp, Clearwater
Archie Call, Clearwater (submitted documents)
Justin Heller, St. Petersburg (submitted documents)
Marson Johnson, Jr., St. Petersburg (submitted documents)
Johnny Wicks, no address provided
Jessica Saxton, Birmingham, AL
Skyler Stevens, Elizabethton, TN

Aaron Watkins, Oldsmar (submitted documents)
Michael Roberts, St. Petersburg
Greg Pound, Largo

At the request of Chair Eggers, Attorney White referenced comments made by several citizens and clarified that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) does not have any authority over judges, including authority related to their appointment; and that citizens may direct their concerns to the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Referring to certain comments made and conduct which occurred during public comment, she also reviewed the Board's participation guidelines, noting that political campaigning is prohibited.

Commissioner Peters referenced comments made by several citizens regarding challenges facing the towing industry, emphasized the industry's role in supporting public safety, and expressed support for providing relief measures to towing operators. Lengthy discussion ensued, with input from Mr. Burton and Attorney White, regarding potential revisions to towing-related rates and fees, available options for Board consideration, and procedures and timelines associated with implementing any changes; whereupon, the members reached a consensus to place the topic on the June 16 BCC meeting agenda for further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 6 through 16

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 6.** Minutes of the regular meeting held April 7, 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 7.** Vouchers and bills paid from March 29 through April 25, 2026.

Period - March 29 through April 4, 2026 (Revised)

Accounts Payable - \$93,249,696.57

Payroll - None

Period - April 5 through April 11, 2026

Accounts Payable - \$25,695.839.82

Payroll - \$5,030,253.45

Period - April 12 through April 18, 2026

Accounts Payable - \$24,523,360.97

Payroll - None

Period - April 19 through April 25, 2026

Accounts Payable - \$22,326,748.66

Payroll - \$4,969,036.20

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

8. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-10, dated April 17, 2026 - Follow-up Investigation of Building and Development Review Services Personnel Alteration of a Permit Record.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

9. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-11, dated April 23, 2026 - Investigation of the Office of Fleet and Asset Management Misappropriation of Property.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

10. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$1,000 or Greater for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, Resolution No. 21-117/Donation Policy.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

11. Florida Public Service Commission Memorandum, dated April 23, 2026, Docket No. 20260013-EU - Joint petition for approval of territorial agreement in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk Counties, by Tampa Electric Company and Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

12. Florida Public Service Commission Conference Agenda for May 5, 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

13. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending April 30, 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

14. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Fleet and Asset Management

15. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of County-owned equipment and vehicles.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

17. Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and delegation of authority to accept Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2026 Funds - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant - St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Project application approved for a request of \$4,906,084.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration. Authority delegated to the Chair to sign the Grant Agreement upon its receipt.

Responding to a comment by Commissioner Nowicki regarding funding for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport passenger terminal improvement project associated with this item, Mr. Burton indicated that staff anticipates presenting modified design concepts and a corresponding financial plan for the project in August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Housing & Community Development

18. Reimbursement payment to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for funds disbursed through the Emergency Rental Assistance program.

Reimbursement payment approved in the amount of \$238,140.00.

Brief discussion ensued, with input from Mr. Burton, regarding the Emergency Rental Assistance program application review process, including the volume of applications received and reviewed, fraud detection efforts, and the number of fraudulent applications identified both prior to and following disbursement of funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Human Services

19. City/County Opioid Abatement Funding 2026-2027 Priority List recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners approval for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Priority list approved for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families, as outlined in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

20. Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board 2026-2027 Priority List recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners approval for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Priority list approved for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families, in compliance with the Interlocal Agreement Governing Use of Pinellas County Regional Opioid Settlement Funds, as outlined in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

21. Renewal of the Behavioral Health Receiving System Plan and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan to support and facilitate access to the behavioral health receiving system for mental health and substance use.

Plans approved, as outlined in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

22. Renewal of the extension of signature authority and Certificate of Participation for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide.

Approval granted for a letter documenting the extension of signature authority to the County Administrator for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide (JAG-C) award agreements. Approval granted and authority delegated to the Board of County Commissioners' Chairman to sign the Certificate of Participation for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 JAG-C grant solicitation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Public Works

23. Resolution dedicating a County-owned parcel of land at the intersection of North McMullen Booth Road and Kapok Kove Drive, Clearwater, as public right-of-way.

Resolution No. 26-33 adopted, dedicating County-owned property in Clearwater, identified as Parcel ID No. 09-29-16-45108-000-0380, as public right-of-way.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Vice-Chair Latvala, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

24. Resolution supporting the honorary designation of County Road 1, from State Road 586/Curlew Road to Tampa Road, as First Sergeant Nicholas A. Flowers Memorial Road.

Item delayed.

Chair Eggers indicated that this item is being delayed and will be brought back to the Board.

Later in the meeting and referring to an earlier query by Commissioner Nowicki, Attorney White explained that while public hearing items which require a paid legal notice are usually continued to a date certain to avoid readvertising costs, regular agenda items may be withdrawn without being continued to a date certain.

25. Resolution to submit the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act Multi-Year Implementation Plan Amendment No. 1 to the United States Treasury Office of Gulf Coast Restoration.

Resolution 26-34 adopted, allowing for the submission of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MIP) Amendment No. 1, as outlined in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

26. Resolution approving the TEFRA hearing for Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance multifamily residential rental housing project Hartford and Saratoga Apartments.

Resolution 26-35 adopted, allowing the Housing Finance Authority to authorize a public hearing in connection to the financing of the Hartford and Saratoga Apartments multifamily residential rental housing project, through the issuance of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$7,650,000.00 and its taxable multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$17,850,000.00, for the benefit of Hartford Owner, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or its affiliate.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

27. Resolution approving the TEFRA hearing for Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project Skye Isle Apartments.

Resolution 26-36 adopted, allowing the Housing Finance Authority to authorize a public hearing in connection to the financing of the Skye Isle Apartments multifamily residential rental housing project, through the issuance of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$27,000,000.00, for the benefit of Preservation 518, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership, or its affiliate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Supervisor of Elections**28.** Resolution approving adjustment of precinct lines.

Resolution No. 26-37 adopted, approving the establishment of new precinct lines and making adjustments as a result of the 2026 Congressional redistricting.

Attorney White indicated that Florida statutes require the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution approving revised precinct boundaries following instances of redistricting within the State of Florida and the corresponding adjustment of precinct lines by the Supervisors of Elections; that approval of the resolution is an administrative action by the members; and that supporting documentation regarding the Supervisor's request has been provided to the members; whereupon, Attorney White requested approval of the resolution.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Scherer, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

COUNTY ATTORNEY

29. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. H.W. Lochner, Inc. - damages arising out of breach of contract.

Initiation of litigation approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

30. County Attorney Reports - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

31. County Administrator ReportsUpcoming Budget Information Sessions

Mr. Burton indicated that, prior to the Board of County Commissioners' next regular meeting, Budget Information Session meetings will be held with departments, Constitutional Officers, and Appointing Authorities; that each department has taken upon certain costs and identified efficiencies to present a flat budget; and that the Constitutional Officers and Appointing Authorities have limited their budget requests; whereupon, he provided details regarding expected financial challenges associated with achieving a balanced budget for this year.

Retirement of Communications Technical Director Dan Eggleston

Mr. Burton indicated that Mr. Eggleston will be retiring at the end of this month; whereupon, he provided brief comments regarding Mr. Eggleston's background, contributions to County-produced programming and Board of County Commissioners meetings, and years of service to Pinellas County.

COUNTY COMMISSION

32. Appointments and reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following appointments and reappointments for two-year terms starting May 2026 and ending April 2028:

Appointments:

- Dr. Dan Leiding as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Emergency Physician primary representative
- Dr. Jacob Eastman as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Emergency Physician alternate representative

Reappointments:

- Dr. Sebastian Strom as an HCA Largo Medical Center Hospital Administrator primary representative
- Diane Conti as an HCA Largo Medical Center Hospital Administrator alternate representative
- Matthew Novak as a Morton Plant Mease Healthcare Hospital Administrator primary representative
- Nancy Hopkins as a Morton Plant Mease Healthcare Hospital Administrator alternate representative
- Dr. Brian Charity as a Morton Plant Hospital Emergency Physician primary representative
- Dr. Hasan Rasheed as a Morton Plant Hospital Emergency Physician alternate representative
- Dr. Krista Gillis as a Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Emergency Physician Trauma Center primary representative
- Dr. Sid Goyal as a Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Emergency Physician Trauma Center alternate representative
- Dr. Roberto Bellini as a Mease Countryside Hospital Emergency Physician primary representative
- Dr. Craig Kizewic as a Mease Countryside Hospital Emergency Physician alternate representative

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

33. Appointments to the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area Citizen Advisory Committee (Board of Commissioners as a whole).

Following a ballot vote, Gisela J. Hackmann and Adam Halbleib appointed to fulfill two current terms, which will expire in January 2027.

Commissioner Flowers noted that applicant Alla Adam should be ineligible as a candidate for appointment since he has not been determined to operate a business in the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area nor to be a Pinellas County resident.

35. New Campus Design Options

Deviating from the order of the agenda, Chair Eggers indicated that Item No. 35 regarding the new campus design options will be presented at this time; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that the members are not obligated to make a decision pertaining to the design options today; and that staff is requesting input related to the project.

Assistant County Administrator Blaine Williams introduced Kristine Bishop Johnson and Jonathan Rae from Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK); whereupon, Ms. Johnson indicated that she and Mr. Rae will provide overviews of four exterior concept designs and solicit feedback from the members; and that all four of the concept designs utilize the same palette of materials and are based on massing and siting specifications that have been approved for the location.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Rae highlighted key considerations for all four of the concept designs, including sun path and shading, public façades, and clear wayfinding toward and within the buildings; whereupon, in response to a query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Williams, with input from Ms. Johnson and Mr. Rae, clarified that, as part of the governance process, staff consulted with the Executive Committee and Appointing Authorities and received initial feedback regarding the design concepts; and that, since then, the exterior concepts initially distributed to the members were modified.

During discussion regarding the design concepts, and in response to queries by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Williams noted that while cost estimates for each design are not yet available, all four concepts utilize similar construction materials; and that each concept is anticipated to remain within budget; whereupon, in response to comments by Commissioner Scherer regarding incorporation of neoclassical design elements, Mr. Burton indicated that such features could result in significant additional costs. Ms. Johnson also explained that, due to differences in massing and proportionality, designing the campus in a classical architectural style would require substantial modifications to form, composition, aesthetic, and functionality.

Thereupon, Mr. Rae and Ms. Johnson described the following building design concepts for the new government campus and individually highlighted their notable features:

Projected Colonnade

- Projected colonnade facing Ulmerton Road
- Prominent judicial facade
- Unique structural systems for judicial and administrative buildings

Recessed Colonnade

- Recessed colonnade integrated into façade
- Similar façade design across judicial and administrative buildings

Picture Frame

- Shared design language
- Projected frame element providing sun shading and energy reduction
- Repeating façade elements

Expressive Screen

- Contemporary colonnade design with metal screening system
- Prominent judicial façade
- Shared but distinct design languages

During the presentation, Mr. Rae and Ms. Johnson, with input from Messrs. Burton and Williams, responded to comments, queries, and concerns by the members regarding various aspects of the designs and discussed various topics, including the following:

- Corner atrium function and size
- Courtyard space
- Parking area security and screening
- Buildings' expected service life based on construction materials
- Energy efficiency considerations
- Potential to host restaurants or food trucks on-site
- Entryway design studies
- Landscape concepts and integration into the Pinellas County Trail

Responding to comments and queries by Chair Eggers, Mr. Rae highlighted landscaping, the central courtyard, and sun shading as opportunities to enhance the architectural design of the campus buildings; whereupon, Ms. Johnson discussed potential enhancements for the exterior façade of the buildings and indicated that the design concepts present an opportunity to create welcoming public spaces and to reinforce themes of permanence, trust, and fairness in County government and the judicial system.

The members provided additional feedback regarding the design concepts, including concerns regarding similarities with the current County campus and adherence to budget; whereupon, Mr. Williams explained that the reduced square footage of the new campus will be offset, in part, through design features intended to maximize access to natural light within workspaces.

Thereupon, Mr. Burton acknowledged the members' desire to view more contextualized campus designs and related that the presented concepts are early renditions; that staff continues to work with departments and Constitutional Officers regarding space programming; and that the concepts can be refined and presented at a future meeting.

34. County Commission New Business:

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Scherer

- The Salvation Army Hope Breakfast
- Duke Energy regional growth and economic outlook forum
- Tour of Piper Fire Protection and meeting with company President and City of Largo Commissioner Chris Johnson
- Meeting with Representative Berny Jacques regarding property taxes, beach nourishment funding, and the proposed Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) merger
- The Right Connections' Networking and Meet the Candidates forum
- Visit to Pinellas Central Elementary School and meeting with Principal Abby Cannata and School Board member Laura Hine

Commissioner Scott

- Ceremonial signing with the United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Disbanding of Health and Human Services Leadership Board
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Forward Pinellas meeting
- 2026 Florida Cooperative Extension Summit with Commissioner Nowicki
- 36th Annual Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial
- Announcement of two new Allegiant Airlines direct flights
- U.S Travel Association's IPW trade show with Visit St. Pete-Clearwater

Commissioner Flowers

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Regional Resiliency Summit
- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- Congratulations to 2026 graduates
- Forward Pinellas meeting
- Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg Police Officer of the Year ceremony
- Suggestion to utilize unused first-time homebuyer assistance funds from the People First Hurricane Recovery Programs for affordable housing projects
- Florida Association of Counties meetings and committee assignment requests

Commissioner Nowicki

- Visits to WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc. facilities
- Tour of Community Dental Clinic
- Speaking engagements with St. Petersburg Republican Club and Republican Club of Greater Largo
- The Right Connections' Networking and Meet the Candidates forum
- Meeting with Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition CEO and Executive Director Michael Jalazo
- Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas Board of Directors meeting
- Community Voices Town Hall - The Future of St. Pete
- Pinellas Federated Republican Women's Club event honoring law enforcement and first responders

Commissioner Latvala

- Clearwater Police/FOP Fallen Officer Memorial
- Little Free Library grand reopening in Madeira Beach
- St. Petersburg College Applied Mental Health Advanced Technical Certificate program graduation ceremony
- Meeting with Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco

Commissioner Peters

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection meeting
- Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg Police Officer of the Year ceremony
- Tour of WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.
- Suggestion to utilize unused first-time homebuyer assistance funds from the People First Hurricane Recovery Programs to assist City of St. Petersburg residents seeking to relocate within Pinellas County
- Fire Operations 101 hosted by Clearwater Fire and Rescue Department
- Forward Pinellas meeting with Commissioner Scherer
- Tampa Bay Water

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NAMIWalks Pinellas County event
- St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership 2026 Downtown Achievement Awards

Commissioner Eggers

- Tour of Parc Center for Disabilities
- National Day of Prayer gathering hosted by Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
- Disbanding of Health and Human Services Leadership Board
- Clearwater Police/FOP Fallen Officer Memorial
- Business trip to Ireland with Pinellas County Economic Development
- John Morroni Legacy Foundation's 30th Annual Law Enforcement and First Responder Appreciation Dinner
- Memorial Day events
- Tri-County Board of County Commission meeting
- Congratulations to 2026 graduates

Bulk Proclamation Approval

Proclamations approved, as outlined in the attachments to the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Vice-Chair Latvala, that the proclamations be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Amendment Number Two to the Project Cooperation Agreement between the Department of the Army and Pinellas County

Agreement approved, as amended, for continued federal participation in the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project at Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key.

Attorney White indicated that this amendment contains a scrivener's error; and that the United States Army Corps of Engineers requested that the error be rectified, which can be accomplished if the members include the typographical correction as part of any motion for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the amendment be approved, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Meeting Recessed: 5:33 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

36. Youth Advisory Committee Presentation

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members Muskan Parmar, Karina Grishchenko, Shayna Graff, and Madison Seiter referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding YAC meetings, participation, logo design, tours completed within the community, subcommittees formed as part of this year's long-term project, activities and service projects, and future goals.

In response to comments and queries by Chair Eggers, Ms. Parmar provided brief comments regarding efforts to recruit additional students and the potential reasoning for the initial decline in attendance at YAC meetings; whereupon, Commissioner Nowicki suggested that, as a participation incentive, the YAC could establish a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Commissioner Latvala and Chair Eggers also commended the YAC members for their work.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

37. Case No. ZON-26-02 (Shirley Bragdon)

A request for a zoning change from R-A, Residential Agriculture, to R-R, Rural Residential, on approximately 2.50 acres located at 2941 Abbey Lake Road in unincorporated Clearwater. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 26-38 adopted, approving Case No. ZON-26-02. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

38. Petition of SE Combined Services LLC d/b/a Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Inc. to vacate a portion of Sylvan Abbey Road (County Road Number 193), declared to be a public road in Board of County Commissioners minutes Book 5, Page 503, filed on February 2, 1926, being 60 feet in width, lying north of Sunset Point Road, and two right-of-way parcels adjacent to Sylvan Abbey Road in official records Book 1697, Page 84, in Section 05-29-16, Pinellas County Florida.

Resolution No. 26-39 adopted, granting the petition to vacate a portion of Sylvan Abbey Road (County Road Number 193). No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

39. Amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget recognizing unanticipated fund balance, unanticipated revenue, and realign appropriations for requesting departments, and realign reserves for requesting departments and funds.

Resolution No. 26-40 adopted, recognizing unanticipated fund balance and unanticipated revenue and realigning appropriations and reserves for requesting departments, as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

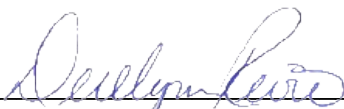
Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

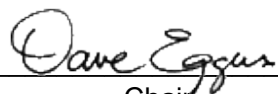
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