

Pinellas County

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

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: 6 - Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Brian Scott

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Jessica Oakes, Board Reporter

INVOCATION by Commissioner Latvala**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Chair Eggers provided brief opening comments regarding events related to recent and upcoming holiday celebrations, including Memorial Day, D-Day, Flag Day, and July 4th; whereupon, he expressed appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at Board of County Commission meetings.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Palm Harbor's 100th Anniversary Proclamation:
 - Members from Palm Harbor Main Street

Acting Chair Eggers invited members from Palm Harbor Main Street and Assistant to the County Administrator Nancy McKibben to join him at the podium. Palm Harbor Main Street President Kristina Garcia and acting Chair Eggers read a proclamation recognizing July 15, 2025, as Palm Harbor's 100th anniversary; whereupon, Ms. Garcia provided brief comments regarding the Palm Harbor Main Street Association and an upcoming community event.

Thereupon, acting Chair Eggers recognized Ms. McKibben for her efforts related to downtown Palm Harbor and noted her upcoming retirement.

2. Pride Month Proclamation:
 - Benjamin Stinson-Hurwitz, Equality Florida
 - Byron Green, St. Pete Pride
 - Bior Guigni, St. Pete Pride
 - Immani Love, St. Pete Pride
 - Jeffery Lorick, Director, Pinellas County Office of Human Rights

Acting Chair Eggers invited Messrs. Lorick and Green, Equality Florida Coordinator of Professional Learning Alex Quinto, and Equality Florida St. Petersburg and Sarasota Development Leader Preston Scott to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing June 2025 as Pride Month; whereupon, Mr. Quinto expressed appreciation for the recognition.

3. Juneteenth Proclamation

Acting Chair Eggers invited Commissioner Flowers and Sickle Cell Disease Association of America St. Petersburg Chapter President and CEO Mary Murph to join him at the podium. Commissioner Flowers read a proclamation recognizing June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth and provided brief comments regarding Ms. Murph's first-hand knowledge of sickle cell disease; whereupon, Ms. Murph provided brief comments regarding sickle cell disease, her organization, and an upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new treatment center in St. Petersburg.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.**

James Guerin, Clearwater
David Ballard Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor
Greg Pound, Largo
Tina Miller, Pinellas Park
Eugene Naves, St. Petersburg (submitted documents)
Christine Scott (no address provided)

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**5. Case No. FLU-25-02 (St. Philopateer Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church)**

A request for a Future Land Use Map amendment from Residential Suburban to Institutional on approximately 4.0 acres located at 2261 Tampa Road in Palm Harbor, unincorporated Pinellas County.

Ordinance No. 25-12 adopted, approving Case No. FLU-25-02. 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 Scherer, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

6. Resolution approving the 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs and authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resolution No. 25-52 adopted, approving the 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and authorizing actions related to administration of the programs and submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

7. Petition of Pinellas County Housing Authority to vacate Adams Circle (12301 134th Avenue North, Largo), as dedicated in Official Records Book 4719, Page 1833, lying within lots 25,26, and 27, Pinellas Groves Subdivision in the southwest ¼ section 09-30-15 Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative)

Resolution No. 25-53 adopted, granting the petition to vacate the right-of-way known as Adams Circle. Two voicemails of concern have been received.

Upon the acting Chair's call for public comment, Jeremy Couch, Lutz, and Brian Evjen, Tampa, appeared and voiced their support.

Commissioner Flowers noted that this item supports the construction of an affordable housing project; whereupon, she expressed appreciation to the housing authorities of Pinellas County and the Cities of St. Petersburg and Clearwater for their efforts to add to the county's affordable housing stock.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

8. Resolution imposing and collecting a non-ad valorem special assessment levied solely on property owned or leased by non-public hospitals to fund the Hospital Directed Payment and Low-Income Pool Programs and approval and delegation of authority to the Chairman to execute Letters of Agreement and Letters of Agreement questionnaires in substantially similar form with a combined amount not to exceed the levied assessment total to initiate Intergovernmental Transfers as match to enhance reimbursement levels for hospitals.

Resolution No. 25-54 adopted, enabling the County to impose and collect a non-ad valorem special assessment levied solely on property owned or leased by non-public hospitals to fund the Hospital Directed Payment and Low-Income Pool Programs. Letters of Agreement approved and executed, which will allow the collected funds to be sent as Intergovernmental Transfers to the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration. No correspondence has been received by the Clerk.

Upon the acting Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals appeared and expressed their support:

Minh Dang Do, Tarpon Springs

Kelly Enriquez, Oldsmar

David Bilardello, St. Petersburg

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

9. Amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget realigning reserves and operating expenses and recognizing unanticipated revenue for Capital Projects and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office; reduce Debt Service Payments and Transfer from Tourist Development Tax Fund in the Tourist Development Tax Debt Service Fund.

Resolution No. 25-55 adopted, realigning reserves and operating expenses and recognizing unanticipated revenue, as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

At the request of acting Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton provided information regarding the actions authorized through the resolution, including reappropriation of monies to fund the County's beach renourishment program and defunding of the Tampa Bay Rays Stadium Project.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Latvala and Peters and acting Chair Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, with input by Mr. Burton, provided detailed information regarding ongoing discussions with the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding beach nourishment, challenges associated with acquiring easements, the County's efforts to begin placing sand on beaches, and other topics.

Responding to comments by acting Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton clarified that this item is specific to appropriation transfers; and that Agenda Item No. 28 involves approval of the agreement.

In response to comments by Commissioner Peters regarding the Grand Canal, Ms. Levy briefly discussed utilizing an approved borrow site as a sand source.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 21

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. Minutes of the regular meetings held April 22 and May 6, 2025.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

11. Vouchers and bills paid from April 27 through May 24, 2025.

Period - April 27 through May 3, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$113,116,910.26

Payroll - None

Period - May 4 through May 10, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$25,236.125.52

Payroll - \$4,823,394.45

Period - May 11 through May 17, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$18,575,081.60

Payroll - None

Period - May 18 through May 24, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$22,499,237.98

Payroll - \$4,810,580.75

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

12. Southwest Florida Water Management District Annual Comprehensive Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2024.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

13. Correspondence from the City of Dunedin regarding voluntary contraction of certain property.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

14. City of Tarpon Springs Ordinance No. 2024-08 annexing certain property.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

15. Juvenile Welfare Board FY25 Q2 Financials.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

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

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

County Administrator

17. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending May 31, 2025.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

18. Award of bid to Grading & Bush Hog Services, Inc. for guardrail services and materials.

Bid No. 25-0288-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$1,950,683.70 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received. Contract term of 36 months with a provision for an optional 24-month extension.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 19.** Award of bid to Southern Precast Concrete Corporation for pipes, reinforced concrete, PVC, precast slabs, and related materials.

Contract No. 25-0377-ITB awarded to Southern Precast Concrete Corporation in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$470,580.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Contract term of 12 months with a provision for four 12-month extensions.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

- 20.** Joint Project Agreement with the City of Madeira Beach for the relocation and replacement of County Utilities conflicting with the City's proposed roadway and drainage system improvements along Pruitt Drive, Marguerite Drive, Bayshore Drive, and Parsley Drive.

(PID No. 005071A) Agreement approved. Estimated cost to the County is \$1,430,000.00. Work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days.

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Construction and Property Management

- 22.** Change Order No. 1 to the agreements to increase the upset limit with Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., Harbour Construction, Inc., Johnson-Laux Construction, and New Vista Builders Group, LLC for requirements of Job Order Contracting for construction services.

(Contract No. 21-0324-CP) Change order approved, increasing the upset limit of each agreement by \$3,000,000.00, for a total combined increase of \$12,000,000.00 and a revised contract total of \$36,000,000.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

County Administrator

- 23.** Municipal Services Taxing Unit special project funding for the Friends of Palm Harbor Troop 26 Replacement of Exterior Door and Windows at Troop 26 Boy Scout Hut

Funding request approved in a one-time amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 24.** Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2030.

Resolution No. 25-56 adopted, approving the Strategic Plan.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

Housing & Community Development

- 25.** Funding recommendations for Emergency Solutions Grants program - Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing funding.

Recommendations for funding approved in the total amount of \$216,724.00 and County Administrator authorized to sign agreements, 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: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

26. Resolution authorizing conveyance of surplus parcel to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc.

Resolution No. 25-57 adopted, authorizing conveyance to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc., delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute instruments necessary for completion of the transaction, and executing a County deed of conveyance of said parcel.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

Public Works

27. Award of bid to Cone & Graham, Inc. for the 13th Street/Sands Point Drive Bridge replacement.

Contract No. 25-0438-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$10,444,968.29 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 720 consecutive calendar days.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

28. Award of bid to Weeks Marine, Inc. for the Pinellas County Beach Renourishment project.

Contract No. 25-0535-ITB-C awarded to Weeks Marine, Inc. in the amount of \$125,724,905.71 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed by March 6, 2026.

Mr. Burton indicated that three public meetings will be scheduled, during which citizens may ask questions related to the project; whereupon, in response to a request by acting Chair Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy provided information regarding easement requirements and plans for nourishment of Sand Key Beach.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Burton indicated that there may be an opportunity for media outreach regarding the easements; whereupon, Ms. Levy briefly discussed a federal project with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

In response to a query by Commissioner Nowicki, Ms. Levy described the results of studies conducted regarding the use of breakwaters and indicated that they have been installed in appropriate locations.

Responding to queries and comments by acting Chair Eggers and Commissioner Peters, Mr. Burton and Ms. Levy provided details regarding easement language differences between those previously requested by the Corps and those requested by the County. Ms. Levy also indicated that the County's easement language does not contain a reference to public use or access.

Upon the acting Chair's call for public comment, David Ballard Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 29.** Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Hubbard Construction Company for Fiscal Year 2025 Pavement Preservation - Package 1.

(Contract No. 24-0757-ITB-C) Change order approved, increasing the agreement amount by \$2,491,934.04 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$7,614,910.26.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Nowicki, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that additional roads are being added to the paving contract.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 30.** Emergency Watershed Protection Program forms for the National Resources Conservation Service for tree debris removal from various channels throughout unincorporated County.

(NRCS No. PID 90019B4) Forms approved for submission to the National Resources Conservation Service, 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: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 31.** Federal Emergency Management Administration Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assurances - Construction Programs form for the Signalization Improvements Project for mast arm conversion at nine locations.

Form approved, specifying construction compliance requirements for use of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 32.** Grant funding agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Urban Stream Restoration Utilizing Phosphorus Mitigation and Realtime Variable Rate Injection and Monitoring Systems.

Agreement approved for a total of \$901,840.00; term expiring on March 1, 2028. No County match required.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

- 33.** Second Amendment to the agreement with Hardesty & Hanover, LLC for the Beckett Bridge replacement project.

(Contract No. 145-0317-NC) Amendment approved, increasing the contract amount by \$525,565.46 for a revised not-to-exceed expenditure of \$3,295,018.46 and amending the agreement to include Attachments A - Updated Billing Rates, B - Design Update Fee Summary, and C - Post Design Services Fee Summary. Contract extended through September 14, 2031.

In response to queries by acting Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton provided clarifying information regarding updated contract fees and a project expenditure increase.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

Safety and Emergency Services

- 34.** Application to receive E911 trust fund monies from the State of Florida for Additional Modules for RapidSOS.

Application approved, certifying that monies received from the State will be used to purchase and implement specific modules to enhance the usage of the current RapidSOS software.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 35.** Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, certificates renewed and issued to eight providers as set forth in the Staff Report, and in accordance with Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54. Two of the eight providers have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services. Certificates will expire on June 30, 2026.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 36.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Truc Nguyen and Tammy Phan; all heirs known and unknown - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate lien.

Initiation of litigation approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

37. County Attorney Reports - None**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR****38. County Administrator Reports**Next steps related to Pasco County's request for letters of support regarding the State Road 54 and U.S. 41 Interchange

Referring to Pasco County's request for letters of support regarding the State Road 54 and U.S. 41 Interchange, Mr. Burton indicated that he will report back to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) following Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton's discussion with other Forward Pinellas staff.

Completion of Budget Information Sessions and next steps

Mr. Burton noted several recent Budget Information Sessions and indicated that, prior to the presentation of his budget recommendation on July 22, staff will follow up with information regarding queries raised by the members; whereupon, he related that he will also be meeting with the members individually on July 9 and 10.

Mr. Burton indicated that he recently met with Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri; and that the Sheriff requested that the BCC not hold a Budget Information Session for his department; whereupon, Mr. Burton briefly discussed the Sheriff's budget challenges, which are caused by increased fixed costs, and related that he will continue to meet with the Sheriff over the next couple of weeks to address the funding gap.

COUNTY COMMISSION**39. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Following a ballot vote, Luis N. Serna appointed to serve as the Alternate for a term of four years beginning on the date of appointment.

40. Appointments to the Tourist Development Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Following a ballot vote, Clyde Smith reappointed to the Hotel/Motel Category for a term of four years beginning on June 23, 2025, and Mayor Katie Gannon appointed to serve as the nominee by the Mayors' Council of Pinellas for a term of four years beginning on the date of appointment.

41. Appointment and reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the reappointment of Christopher Markham as Citizen Representative for Commission District 1 and the appointment of Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks as a Mayors' Council representative for two-year terms, starting July 2025 and ending June 2027.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

42. 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 reappointments for two-year terms, starting June 2025 and ending May 2027:

- Dr. Matthew Smith as an Emergency Physician primary representative
- Dr. Jose Barquin Jr. as an Emergency Physician alternate representative

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

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

43. County Commission New Business:

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

- Departmental Proclamations and Federal Holidays: July - December 2025 (Commissioner Scott)
- Staff Sergeant Sitton Resolution (Commissioner Latvala)

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

Commissioner Nowicki

- Affordable housing committee of elected officials for the Tampa Bay region
- Redington Beaches EMS Station Groundbreaking Ceremony

Commissioner Scherer

- Tours of S.K. Keller Water Treatment Facility and William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Meeting with City of St. Pete Beach Mayor Adrian Pettila and tour of the city
- Tour of South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility
- Meeting with The Florida Orchestra President Ignacio Barrón Viela and Vice President of Strategic Partnerships Lori Osborne
- Appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at Board of County Commission meetings

Commissioner Scherer expressed concern related to security in the Palm Room and indicated that he is hesitant to speak more specifically in a public forum. Mr. Burton related that while the members can discuss the topic in an open forum, they may also request to schedule a shade meeting to discuss security; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding various topics, including protection provided by Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies at meetings, safety within and beyond the workplace, and security measures for current and future County facilities.

Mr. Burton confirmed the members' interest in scheduling a shade meeting and indicated that it can be scheduled in August. In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Burton, with input by Ms. Revie, confirmed that Clerk's Office staff will be present at the shade meeting; and that a transcript will be prepared.

Commissioner Flowers

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- Human Rights Board
- Forward Pinellas School Transportation Safety Committee
- Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium
- Forward Pinellas

Commissioner Peters

- Visit St. Pete/Clearwater familiarization trip
- Gulf Consortium Executive Committee
- Florida Association of Counties
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Interviews for Florida Girls State

Commissioner Latvala

- Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium
- Trolley ride-along with PSTA CEO Brad Miller
- Learning Independence For Tomorrow, Inc. Academy graduation

Resolution on behalf of Florida House Representative Berny Jacques

Resolution No. 25-58 adopted, supporting the State of Florida's honorary designation of the section of Ulmerton Road between 122nd Avenue N/125th Street and Walsingham Road for Army Staff Sergeant and Pinellas County native Matthew Sitton.

Referring to a discussion held during the June 12 Budget Information Session, Commissioner Latvala indicated that he would like to take a formal vote related to the resolution on behalf of Florida House Representative Berny Jacques.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

Commissioner Eggers

- Commercial Real Estate Women 16th Annual Economic Summit
- Forward Pinellas
- Mental health among teenagers
- Intention to continue serving as the Board of County Commission's Vice-Chair

Acting Chair Eggers indicated that Chair Scott provided a list of proclamations that he plans to bring forward over the next six months and requested a motion for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, to approve the list of proclamations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

Commissioner Flowers indicated that a voting delegate must be selected for an upcoming National Association of Counties event; and that the members may either select someone to serve as a delegate or provide a proxy vote to the Florida Association of Counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, to approve Commissioner Flowers to provide a proxy vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Chair Scott

ADJOURNMENT - 12:03 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk




Chair