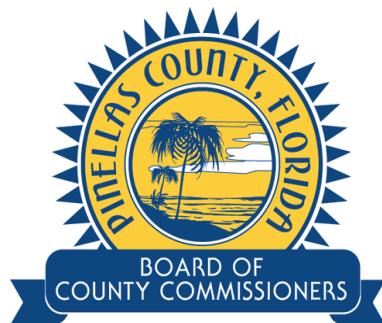


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Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 14, 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, and Commissioner Kathleen Peters

Absent: Commissioner Chris Scherer

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

1. The National Community Survey - 2025 Results

Report and discussion regarding results of the 2025 National Community Survey for Pinellas County, including key findings and comparisons to national and custom benchmarks to 2024 Survey results.

Partner presenter: Jason Neumeyer, Polco/National Research Center

Document displayed: *Pinellas County, FL The National Community Survey™ 2025 Results*

2. State Government Relations Services - Requests for Qualification

Report and discussion regarding the six government relations services firms which submitted proposals, staff recommendations, and selection of firms to present at the August 28 work session.

Chair Scott indicated that the Board would like to hear presentations from GrayRobinson, Shumaker Advisors, Johnston and Stewart Government Strategies, and Sunrise Consulting Group.

Staff presenter: Matthew Spoor, County Administration

3. Hurricane Season Update

Report and discussion regarding disaster preparedness, the 2024 hurricane season summary and After Action Report, required update to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, weather alerts, stormwater, and debris management, including lessons learned from the 2024 season and preparations for 2025.

Staff presenters: Kelli Hammer Levy, Public Works; and Cathie Perkins, Emergency Management

Documents displayed: *Hurricane Season Update and Regional Debris Management*

4. Budget Update

Report and discussion regarding reserves, property tax and millage rates, potential cost-saving measures, and employee compensation.

Staff presenter: Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget
Document displayed: FY26 Budget Development

Commissioner Flowers left the meeting at 12:43 P.M.

5. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the August 19 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to comments and queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:59 P.M.