

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX
INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MAY 21, 2026

**THURSDAY
10:00 A.M.**

**1st FLOOR, KEN ROGERS MEMORIAL CHAMBERS
WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

MEMBERS:

Maria S. Antuña
Debra A. Chandler, Vice Chair
Patrick J. Franklin
Sandra Hammerstein
Maziar Keshavarz
Rex Kirby
John R. Smith,
Christine M. Thrower-Skinner
Lee Waring, Chair
Kimberly Weston

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Daniella Alcin, Budget Analyst III, Office of Financial Management and Budget (OFMB)
Steve Carrier, Assistant County Engineer, Engineering and Public Works
May Cheng, Principal Professional Engineer, Engineering and Public Works
Jason A. Crosby, Deputy Director, Facilities Development and Operations (FDO)
Fernando DelDago, Director I, FDO
Thu Dang, On-Call Professional, FDO
Alicia DeAbreu, Division Director III, OFMB
Jennifer Ferriol, Director, FDO
Robert Hamilton, Division Director I, Parks and Recreation
Vladimir Jeannot, Division Director IV, FDO
Eric McClellan, Assistant Director, FDO
Michael Jones, Chief Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney

ALSO PRESENT:

Jonathan Jordan, Principal/Senior Project Manager, Jacobs Project Management Co.
Stuart Patterson, Senior Project Manager, Jacobs Project Management Co.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk
Samantha Giarratana, Board Meetings Specialist

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

At Mr. Waring's request, Ms. DeAbreu introduced the new committee members and noted that the committee had nineteen seats, nine of which were filled.

In response to Mr. Waring's inquiry, Ms. DeAbreu stated five members established a quorum.

2. Roll Call

Present: Lee Waring, Debra A. Chandler, Mark Feldmesser, Sandra Hammerstein, Maziar Keshavarz, Ezra Saffold, John R. Smith, Kimberly Weston, and Marc Wigder

Absent: Maria Antuña and Rex Kirby

3. Approve Minutes - February 19, 2026

MOTION to approve the minutes. Motion by Debra Chandler, seconded by Maziar Keshavarz, and carried 8-0.

4. Revenue Report

a. Presentation by Sherry Brown

(CLERKS'S NOTE: Alicia DeAbreu presented the revenue report on behalf of Sherry Brown)

Ms. DeAbreu presented the revenue report. She reported that \$47.7 million was collected in interest earnings.

In addition, Ms. DeAbreu noted a reduction in collections from the previous year due to a legislative change impacting sales tax on commercial leases.

5. Expense Report

a. Presentation by Jacobs Project Management Co.

Jonathan Jordan, Principal/Senior Project Manager for Jacobs Project Management Co., discussed a breakdown of the expenditure report, and reported an \$11 million increase in expenditures since the last committee meeting in February.

In addition, Mr. Jordan outlined the expenditures for the county departments. He reported that the expenditure for the Engineering Department had increased by \$845 thousand

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totaling \$96.9 million; Facilities, Development, and Operations a total of \$212 million; and Parks and Recreation a total of \$100.4 million.

Mr. Jordan presented the tracking report and indicated that the number of projects started and completed had remained unchanged since February.

Mr. Feldmesser asked whether a report summarizing each project's status was available.

Discussion ensued regarding the reports included in the monthly series.

Mr. Feldmesser requested a separate report with detailed information and percentage of completion for each line item and project.

Mr. McClellan stated that the requested information would be incorporated into the report before the next quarterly meeting.

6. Budget Transfers / Project Presentations

a. Engineering and Public Works

1. Type 1: 26-05 - Sections of Randolph Siding Rd - Drainage Pipe Replacement

Mr. Carrier noted that Type 1 transfers were a formality and informational only.

2. Type 2: 26-06 - 15th St and Tamarind Ave - Signals and Signal Systems

Mr. Carrier discussed the Type 2 transfer and the additional funding request for the 15th St and Tamarind Ave signal project. He also provided an update on active signal projects.

MOTION to approve the Type 2 transfer. Motion by Debra Chandler, seconded by Ezra Saffold, and carried 8-0.

b. Facilities Development and Operations

Ms. Ferriol, the new Facilities Development and Operations Director, introduced herself and outlined upcoming departmental changes.

Mr. Keshavarz congratulated Ms. Ferriol on her new position and noted the positive response from the development community regarding her transition to the County.

c. Parks and Recreation

1. Type 1: 26-03 - Dyer Park St and Parking Lot Light Replacement

Mr. Hamilton discussed the completion of the Dyer Park St and Parking Lot Light Replacement project. He noted that the transition to LED lighting included replacing high-bay fixtures to enable dimming capabilities and improve energy efficiency.

In addition, Mr. Hamilton provided an overview and update on synthetic turf projects. He stated that all projects were expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Ms. Weston asked whether synthetic turf maintenance was handled by staff or outsourced and if the reduced maintenance requirements had resulted in any employee layoffs.

Mr. Hamilton stated that no employee layoffs had occurred. He explained that synthetic turf maintenance was performed by the Parks Maintenance Division, supplemented by contracted quarterly maintenance for tasks requiring specialized equipment. He added that staff were shifted to other operations as needed.

In response to Ms. Hammerstein's inquiry regarding a status of completion for the Lake Lytal project, Mr. Hamilton stated that the Lake Lytal project was an Aquatic Center construction, not a synthetic turf project. He reported that the project was under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

Mr. Waring requested clarification of earlier comments made about synthetic fields compared to natural fields.

Mr. Hamilton explained that prior concerns about synthetic turf involved the use of crumb rubber from recycled tires and noted that earlier studies on potential health risks were inconclusive. He added that the current design encapsulated the crumb rubber with a polymer layer to mitigate concerns and reported that public feedback had been positive.

7. Other Committee Business

No comments were made.

8. Public Comment

No comments were made.

11. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn. Motion by Maziar Keshavarz, seconded by Debra Chandler, and carried 8-0.

At 10:28 a.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Chair/Vice Chair