



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
STEERING COMMITTEE
AGENDA**



**October 8th, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Palm Beach County EOC – Broadcast Studio**

- I. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
- Meeting called to order at 10:05 am
 - Introductions completed around the room.
- II. LMS2024 Update – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM**
- Each jurisdiction yet to adopt:
 - Atlantis
 - Glen Ridge
 - Seacoast Utility Authority
 - Mangonia Park – *set to adopt*
 - Westlake – *set to adopt*
 - Brenden has been catching up on getting the last municipalities to adopt the LMS. They are set to adopt as soon as possible.
 - Ralph clarified that the municipalities assumed that they missed the deadlines and they didn't need to. That they have to adopt the LMS in order to get reimbursement from FEMA.
- III. Fall 2025 PPL**
- 16 Total Projects Scored - \$65,649,206
 - These projects were new or rescored. 9 new and 7 rescored.
 - Every one of the scored and rescored projects dramatically jumped in score. Brenden guided the municipalities with documents already available to assist with scoring.
 - Brenden is trying to assist with projects from additional municipalities and partner agencies.
 - Question to Ralph from Brenden on how partner agencies can create projects. Generally speaking, Ralph suggested if you have an engineer or contractor who has been working on hardening a facility use the information on the site to build a project for submission.
 - Question regarding special district projects and them having to submit through the local municipality. Special districts have to apply through their local municipality and not the division of emergency management.
 - Members expressed that they love the ideas coming forth on how to submit projects. Knowing the flow of how to submit a project from a special district will assist them in submitting projects ensuring



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- ❖ Motion from Ken Roundtree and Second from Carlos Cedenro to adopt the fall PPL. All in favor and none opposed.
- ❖ Motion passes.

IV. **Membership discussion** – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM

- Virtual Attendance rule
 - Brenden searched through the LMS regarding virtual meeting requirements.
 - However, in the documents he didn't find any restrictions/policies on having virtual meetings.
 - Brenden would support having hybrid meetings to assist in attendance.
 - Ken commented he wouldn't mind adopting a policy on this.
 - Carlos asked if attendance is captured for virtual attendance. Brenden answered that minute taker takes virtual attendance.
 - Ralph also agrees that virtual should be available to assist in attendance as long as we are intentional about verifying attendance to meet the LMS attendance requirement.
 - Brenden clarified what the attendance requirements are according to the LMS.
 - Question from Eduardo Garcio (virtual) ion if he meets the requirement by attending different meetings. Yes he is, and it doesn't have to be just him, it can be anybody from his municipality.
- Attendance at different meetings
 - See above notes.

V. **2026 Meeting Schedule**

- Brenden will release 2026 dates at the December 10th meeting.
- Ralph asked if we could get meetings aligned. Brenden answered that yes we will get this back on track.
- Question from Mary Blakeney on if we are offering virtual do the meetings need to move around. Group expressed that moving those meetings around builds on the interest in the meetings. Mary countered that if we adopt the virtual component municipalities offering their facilities are able to meet the virtual requirement.

VI. **Upcoming Meetings:**

- October 15th – 3rd Quarterly LMS Working Group Meeting
- October 16th – CRS User Group Meeting
- December 10th – 4th Quarterly LMS Working Group Meeting
 - Question about where this meeting will be. Carlos will check his facilities for a virtual component and get back to Brenden today. If needed all meetings will be held at the EOC.



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VII. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- FAU offered their facilities for 2026 meetings.

VIII. Adjourn – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.



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