

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 24, 2016

The South Florida Regional Executive Committee met on this date at its corporate office at 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Asseff called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and Sam Goren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Chair Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Frank Caplan  
Councilmember Tim Daubert (via phone)  
Councilmember Greg Ross  
Councilmember Sandra Walters (excused)

Councilmember Mario J. Bailey participated by phone.

Also present were Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director, and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel. Counsel noted the presence of a physical quorum.

**II. Approval of Executive Committee Agenda**

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve the Executive Committee Agenda. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

**III. Review and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Audit of the South Florida Regional Council\***

Mr. McGann, Director of Finance and Budget, gave an overview of the audit and introduced Kevin Adderley from the Sharpton Group, P.A. Mr. Adderley explained in detail the Audit Results and Financial Overview via PowerPoint including the new information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board regarding the Florida Retirement System Plan.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the FY 2014-15 Audit of the South Florida Regional Council. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Following the review of the audit and Council's revenues and expenses, there was a brief discussion regarding areas of needed investment in the Council. There was conversation regarding areas of greater involvement for the Council including energy, transportation, the proposed American Dream Mall and other large scale development proposals, housing affordability, and sea level rise. At the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council will be presented with an amended budget as well as projected county dues for the upcoming year. It was noted that the Council's dues rate has remained unchanged since 1994. The Executive Director was asked about the rates and funding sources of other regional councils. The South Florida Regional Council's rate is among the lowest in the state. There was a conversation about the need to consider increasing membership dues particularly in light of continuing gubernatorial vetoes of the state appropriation for the regional councils.

Councilmember Ross motioned for Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo to research the County fees of other regional planning councils and bring the information to the July 11, 2016 meeting. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **IV. Discussion of the RFP for a New Auditor for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Traditionally the Council has issued a request for professional services for an auditing team after five years with the current team. The Council discussed extending the current contract with The Sharpton Group P.A. for one year contingent upon the use of a new auditor from the firm to lend “a new set of eyes” to the audit. Due to reduced staff and increased workload on the Finance and Budget Director related to the Revolving Loan Fund and Community Development Finance Institute, the Executive Director felt that it would place a difficult burden on Council staff to undertake a new search and auditor orientation process at this time. The Executive Director underscored that she was supportive of whatever direction the Council wished to take and was seeking their advice and direction. Mr. Goren confirmed that the Council was not required by Council policies to undertake a new search at this time. He stated that he would review the contract with The Sharpton Group, P.A. to confirm whether it is possible to extend the contract a year. The Council was in agreement with extending the contract one year contingent upon the use of a new auditor from the firm. Mr. Goren will report his findings to the Council at the July 11, 2016 meeting.

#### **V. Councilmember Comments**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Councilmember Caplan moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

\* Action item

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the June 24, 2016 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Greg Ross, Secretary

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Date