



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE**

Date: January 23, 2017  
Place: South Florida Regional Planning Council  
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140  
Hollywood, FL 33021

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute (SEFRPI) Board of Directors was held on January 23, 2017, at the above location.

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

President Asseff called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and Boardmember Furr led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Patricia Asseff (absent)  
Boardmember Mario J. Bailey (via phone)  
Boardmember Margaret Bates  
Boardmember Frank Caplan  
Boardmember Daniella Levine Cava (absent)  
Boardmember Tim Daubert  
Boardmember Beam Furr  
Boardmember Steve Geller  
Boardmember Cary Goldberg  
Boardmember Nelson Hernandez  
Boardmember George Neugent (absent)  
Boardmember David Rice (via phone)  
Boardmember Greg Ross (absent)  
Boardmember Xavier Suarez (absent)  
Boardmember Michael Udine  
Boardmember Sandra Walters  
Boardmember Jimmy Weekley

Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo and Legal Counsel Sam Goren were present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Ms. Lisa Colmenares on behalf of Mr. Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Ms. Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District  
The Honorable Roberto Martell, Mayor of the Town of Medley, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Ms. Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, gave a detailed explanation of the SEFRPI's history and significance in relation to the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

## **II. Approval of SEFRPI Agenda**

Boardmember Udine made a motion to approve the Agenda. Boardmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **III. Action Items**

### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Boardmember Walters made a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Boardmember Udine seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

### **B. Financial Report**

Boardmember Walters made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Boardmember Furr seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **IV. Program Reports and Activities**

### **A. Presentation on the Southeast Florida DataCommon by Keren Prize Bolter, PhD. Climate, Policy, & Geospatial Analyst, SFRPC**

Dr. Keren Prize Bolter explained in detail the Southeast Florida DataCommon and thanked the Councilmembers for their support. PowerPoint handouts were available at the Councilmembers' seats for their use. She described the DataCommon tools: "data stories", data collection, mapping & visualization, data analysis, information accessibility, community participation and data-driven outcomes. The draft website can be viewed at [www.sfreionalcouncil.org/data-common](http://www.sfreionalcouncil.org/data-common). The DataCommon can promote better communication, more informed policy making, shared understanding of the region and can be a common platform to view important issues throughout Southeast Florida. Dr. Bolter shared important information regarding the engagement opportunities, visualizations, open access to existing website visualizations and technical support, datasets, and templates. Dr. Bolter informed the Councilmembers that several SFRPC programs use the DataCommon, including the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update (CEDS) and two resilience projects.

There were questions on the sources and accuracy of the data sources and analysis, and if the different databases are comparable. Dr. Bolter stated that the viewers of the DataCommon cannot create their own visualization, but they can view premade visualization on the website. However, Councilmembers, core partners, and the SFRPC can change the visualizations. There is an agreement between the partners that the information provided is accurate.

Vince Edwards, Geospatial Analyst, explained that as with any story, conclusions should not be drawn from any analyses. He further described the visualization process, the website information, "ground truthing", and the DataCommon's various uses via a data story.

Discussion ensued regarding who would use the segments (housing, transportation, income, population growth, etc.) of the DataCommon. Planners, municipalities, public and those who are looking for

comparisons and best uses for land development and transportation solutions would be interested. Mr. Edwards stated that the analyses can be published on various social media sites. Dr. Bolter explained the fees, trial membership and partnership information.

Chair Asseff requested this discussion to be continued at another meeting since the DataCommon is a valuable tool for visioning, long term planning, transportation, etc.

**V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the January 23, 2017 meeting of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE adopted the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017.

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Patricia Asseff, President

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Greg Ross, Secretary

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