

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

JANUARY 24, 2022

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in-person on this date at the Miami-Dade County Commission Chamber, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Miami, Florida 33128. Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. after the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute adjourned and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Councilmember Cates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Chair Mario J. Bailey (present)  
Councilmember Craig Cates (present)  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (present)  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino \*\*  
Councilmember Beam Furr \*  
Councilmember René García \*  
Councilmember Steve Geller (present)  
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III \*\*  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg \*\*  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman \*  
Councilmember Jordan Leonard \*\*  
Councilmember Kionne McGhee (present)  
Councilmember Greg Ross \*  
Councilmember Michael Udine \*  
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade \*

\* Virtually Present

\*\* Absent

Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC Executive Director, and Jacob Horowitz, Legal Counsel, were present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Dat Huynh, from the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

Lorraine Mayers, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Jon Moore, representing Jason Andreotta, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

### II. Approval Council Agenda

*Councilmember Coldiron moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Cates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

#### Welcome

- The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor

Mayor Levine Cava welcomed the Councilmembers at the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute Meeting, which was held prior to the SFRPC Council meeting.

### III. Guest Presentations (Time Certain) 11:45

- Kevin Guthrie, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management
- James F. Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County
- Pamela Sweeney, Chief Water Scientist, Miami-Dade County DERM  
Biscayne Bay Update

### IV. Action Items

#### A. Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 25, 2021, and November 8, 2021)

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

#### B. Financial Report

Finance Manager, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B Financial Report. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Mr. Goren read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted.

#### C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

##### Proposed

- Broward County 21-07ESR \*
- Miami-Dade County 21-05ESR
- Miami-Dade County 21-06ESR
- City of Aventura 21-02ESR \*
- City of Coconut Creek 21-01ESR \*
- City of Dania Beach 22-01ESR
- Town of Davie 21-01ESR \*
- City of Doral 21-03ESR \*
- City of Fort Lauderdale 21-01ESR \*
- City of Hialeah 21-04ESR
- City of Hollywood 21-02ESR
- City of Homestead 21-03ESR
- City of Key Colony Beach 21-01ACSC \*
- City of Lauderhill 21-02ESR \*
- City of Miami 21-01ESR \*
- City of Pembroke Pines 21-01ESR \*
- Village of Pincrest 21-01ESR \*
- City of Tamarac 21-02ESR

### Public Comment

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Cates seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Adopted

- Broward County 21-07ESR \*
- City of Hialeah 21-01ESR
- City of Hialeah 21-03 \*ESR
- City of Lauderdale Lakes 20-01ESR
- City of Miramar 21-02ESR \*
- North Bay Village 21-01ESR \*
- City of North Miami 21-02ESR
- City of Parkland 21-01ESR \*
- City of Pompano Beach 21-01ESR \*
- City of South Miami 21-01ESR \*
- Town of Southwest Ranches 21-03ESR \*
- City of Tamarac 21-01ESR \*

**Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted. Councilmember McGhee seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers

Chair Bailey explained the process and purpose for the Nominating Committee Meeting which was held earlier. The new Executive Committee is:

Chair - Steve Geller (Broward County)  
First Vice Chair - Sam Kaufman (Monroe County - Municipal)  
Second Vice Chair - Beam Furr (Broward County)  
Treasurer - René García (Miami-Dade County)  
Secretary – Michelle Coldiron (Monroe County)  
Immediate Past Chair – Mario J. Bailey (Miami-Dade County, Governor’s Appointee)

**Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers. Councilmember McGhee seconded the motion, in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Immediate Past Chair Bailey congratulated the new Executive Committee and handed the gavel to the newly appointed Chair Geller. Immediate Past Chair Bailey stated that it was an honor to serve on the Board and his most important goal was to move the Council Meetings to each County, in which he achieved. He looks forward to serving as Immediate Past Chair under Chair Geller's leadership.

Chair Geller thanked Councilmember Bailey for his able service as Chair of the SFRPC. Chair Geller explained the history of his chairmanship when Mayor Levine Cava was Chair, and she became Miami-Dade County's Mayor. Then Chair Geller became Mayor of Broward County and could not be both Mayor and Chair, so Councilmember Bailey became Chair. Chair Geller has been on the Board for about 5/6 years and has been an advocate for changing the role of the SFRPC. He explained the changes made to the SFRPC's responsibilities due to the historical legislative updates. Chair Geller advocates that the SFRPC augment its role to as the regional convening authority in regional planning issues such as water, transit, affordable housing, economic development, etc. He mentioned the Joint Meetings with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and continuing to have regional planning conferences more frequently. He looks forward to working a full year as Chair and working with the Councilmembers. He again thanked Councilmember Bailey for his work as Chair.

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **A. Executive Director's Report**

Mrs. Cosio Carballo gave an update on the SFRPC regional activities including the ongoing update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for South Florida (CEDS). This effort is chaired by Chair Geller. It involves discussion with regional business, educational, transportation, and non-profit leaders in work force and strategy meetings to develop a new CEDS by September 2022. Additionally, the SFRPC continues staffing the Local Emergency Planning Committee as part of its work with the Florida Department of Emergency Management. The Council continues to provide technical assistance in the development of EDA Funding Proposals including a proposal to support coral farming and the development of a supportive coral reef industry ecosystem of technology, work force training, infrastructure, and capital. Staff has been working with counties and the business industries on this proposal. She stated that the SFRPC is moving forward with the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) and an update will be presented at the next meeting. The Selection Committee chose Jacobs and the South Florida Defense Alliance as the consultant teams. She mentioned that the SFRPC is looking for transportation and resilience planners and referred interested parties to the website for more information.

### **B. Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Horowitz referenced the MIRR Selection Meeting, and the firm is waiting on a draft contract with Jacobs. He informed the Council that Mr. Goren is home and doing well.

### **C. Councilmembers Reports**

Councilmember Coldiron thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey for the remarkable job as Chair in conducting virtual/physical meetings throughout the year and having meetings in Monroe County. Monroe County is working with the Florida Cabinet to get additional workforce housing building allocations with public/private partnerships. This will take place with a private developer who has land in Key West and is partnering with Monroe County Sherriff's Department and the County to build workforce housing specifically for the first responders and officers. This is one way to overcome some of our obstacles.

Immediate Past Chair Bailey was excited to welcome new members to the Council. He thanked Miami-Dade County for hosting today's meeting. He is excited to see Chair Geller focus on regional planning.

Councilmember McGhee is excited to be present. He thanked and congratulated Chair Geller. He is looking forward to working with the Council. He thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey for his leadership. He would like to see a true rail tri-county connectivity agenda. This will create a second to none transportation system in the tri county area and help economic development and environmental issues. "Put me in the game coach" is quote from a student wrestler and Councilmember McGhee would like to be put in the game, he would love to make sure the agenda is pushed forward with vigor and intent.

Mayor Ross thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey and Chair Geller and is looking forward to the year ahead. He also thanked Councilmember Coldiron accepting her position as the SFRPC Secretary. He said he is looking forward to working with the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Furr thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey for a very good year especially in having hybrid in-person/virtual meetings in the counties. He thanked and appreciated Councilmember Coldiron in accepting the position of Secretary. It is wonderful to see Councilmember McGhee present and learn of his enthusiasm for transportation.

Councilmember Udine stated that as the newly appointed Broward County Mayor he understood why Chair Geller did not simultaneously take on the roles of SFRPC Chair and Broward County Mayor. He thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey for all he did and felt it was an impressive year despite some trying circumstances. He looks forward to the mission of the SFRPC to be more of a regional planning council. We need to be working together as more of a region and make it a better user experience for one of the largest metropolitan regions in the country. We are the destination of choice and with those opportunities there will be a lot of challenges to face. He looks forward to serving with this Board and working to meet those challenges.

Councilmember Ziade welcomed the new members of the Council. She said a fresh set of eyes and energy will be amazing. She thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey and who has always been the go getter and did a great job. Councilmember Ziade appreciates everything Chair Geller does and looks forward to this year. She thanked everyone for participating and stated that the SFRPC staff is amazing.

Councilmember Kaufman echoed that the leadership of this organization has been outstanding. He thanked Immediate Past Chair Bailey for everything he did. He thanked Chair Geller for all he has done and the wonderful things we expect this coming year. He agrees in convening regional planning meetings,

especially on affordable housing. He also thanked Councilmember Coldiron for joining the Executive Committee and Councilmember Cates for joining the SFRPC. It is great to have Monroe County represented on the Board. He stated what a great job Council staff has been doing and that Isabel and your team are fantastic regarding MIRR, RLF, and other programs. He thanked her for all she does.

#### D. Ex-Officio Reports

Dat Huynh announced that Governor DeSantis appointed Torey Alston as the new Broward County Commissioner. Kenyatta Lee is the new Interim Chief of Modal Development. State Secretary of Transportation Kevin Thibault has been chosen to run the Orlando International Airport at the end of session. He thanked the SFRPC for their participation in the development of the Draft 2022 Strategic Intermodal (SIS) Policy Plan in which the comment period concluded January 7, 2022. The comments have been forwarded to the State. The SIS Policy Plan will be available to the public in early 2022 once approved by the Secretary. The next steps will be the revisiting the SIS designation criteria and their thresholds.

Lorraine Mayers welcomed the new Councilmembers and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chair Geller stated that his trip to Miami-Dade County on Brightline was a wonderful experience. He wants everyone to understand that he does not know if there will be a unified transit connecting Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties during his tenure in office. The impasse is at the New River, tunnel or bridge, timing and the funding. Councilmember Bailey hopes that transit will be one of the discussion items with the TCRPC at the next Joint Meeting. Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that the Joint Meeting will be held on March 18, 2022, hosted by the TCRPC, and there is hope that the meeting will be in person.

### III. **Guest Presentations (Time Certain) 11:45**

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- James F. Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County
- Pamela Sweeney, Chief Water Scientist, Miami-Dade County DERM  
Biscayne Bay Update

Chair Geller introduced Mr. Guthrie and announced his professional experience and achievements.

Mr. Guthrie updated the Councilmembers on the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) updated Mission “Coordinate, Collaborate, and Communicate with stakeholders for a resilient Florida”, and new Vision “Leading the Profession in building Safer Communities”. He stated that what is not in the Mission statement is all that is core to all FDEM’s responsibilities: Prepare, Respond, Mitigate, and Recover. This includes homeowners as well. He explained the coordination, collaboration, and communication following a disaster declaration from the President, progressing to the state, counties, departments, etc. Core values relate to the vision and mission statements: integrity, teamwork, service excellence, adaptability, and collaboration. The Division’s goals for 2022-23 are to engage in technology, comprehensive process management, and professional development. New to FDEM is the Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation Rating (F-ROC) which will help applicants build a solid foundation which

includes historical and risk abatement information. Mr. Guthrie gave historical examples, explained how the future applications will be processed and the timeframes. He explained the reason for standardizing forms for Cat A and B storms and working towards an F-ROC Rating and Methodology for Cat A and B in order to obligate funding faster within the first twelve months. Chair Geller stated that he thought the issues were with FEMA not FDEM in waiting for reimbursements. He questioned if the standardization of forms will reduce the timing for the FEMA reimbursements? Mr. Guthrie stated that FEMA does change the rules often, however when it comes to documentation and collection of documents, this has been a staple with FEMA for decades. The number one reason money is deobligated and called back is because the State of Florida does not document well. Florida will be the lead in standardizing documentation for FDEM and be able to get the people a greater percentage of their money back in less than twelve months. Councilmember Bailey thanked Mr. Guthrie for his open-door policy, and leadership. Mr. Guthrie's presentation can be located at the SFRPC website: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/FDEM-agn-direction-Final.pdf>

Chair Geller recognized James F. Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County and his professional history and achievements, including being a former SFRPC Executive Director. Mr. Murley thanked him and expressed that he felt privileged to be here today. He is pleased to see the active work being done under Mrs. Cosio Carballo. He has three quick points. 1) Miami-Dade County is pleased to see the initiative around the MIRR. Seeing this involvement, the Mayor's administration wants to actively participate in and help to make sure the regional study is a success. The study and its regional components demonstrate the need for continued regional planning, which Mayor Levine Cava mentioned earlier. 2) Mr. Murley introduced Ms. Kim Brown, Director of Resilience Planning and Implementation for Miami-Dade County. She will be the contact person for all regional activities. Ms. Brown thanked Mayor Levine Cava for the trust she has placed in her on advanced resilience initiatives on behalf of the County. Ms. Brown noted her professional background and experience. She is excited to be part of the regional planning with the Council. 3) Mr. Murley stated that Miami-Dade County and Florida International University's Maurice A. Ferré Institute of Leadership are very close to setting up a Jack Osterholt Memorial Internship. A stipend and high-level position in Miami-Dade County's Administration would be available to a student in the public administration program chosen through a competitive process. This approach could possibly include Broward County. Updated information will be shared with Mrs. Cosio Carballo. He thanked Chair Geller and offered any help from the County. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that she is looking forward to working with her long-time friends Mr. Murley, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Sweeney.

Chair Geller introduced Pamela Sweeney, Miami-Dade County Chief Water Scientist. She stated her professional history and interests. Ms. Sweeney stated it was an honor and privilege to be presenting today. Her presentation included a timeline of the Julia Tuttle Basin – Seagrass die off from 2011 -2017, the 2020-2021 fish kill, various algae blooms and other seagrass die offs. She described in detail the negative issues impacting Biscayne Bay including stormwater runoff, wastewater, canal runoff, fertilizer and other chemicals, water quality impacts, etc. In order to address these challenges, all levels of government, stakeholders, and the public need to engage in regional collaboration and coordination. She explained the Biscayne Bay 2020 Report Card and suggested everyone go to [www.miamidade.gov/BiscayneBay](http://www.miamidade.gov/BiscayneBay) which has various points of information on Biscayne Bay. She acknowledged the Biscayne Bay Task Force, Task Force members, Biscayne Bay Task Force Report (accomplishments through partner collaborations, and highlights), funding partnership with Florida

Department of Environmental Protection, and explained the recommendations. She explained the relationship between the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board, Biscayne Bay Commission (FDEP), and local / state partnership which all work together. Areas of needed collaboration include septic to sewer conversion, marine law enforcement, water quality, land management, environmentally endangered lands, and stormwater. She stated that Miami-Dade County stands committed to help the SFRPC in any way they can and thanked the Council for their time. Chair Geller (Chair of the Broward County Water Advisory Board) had two quick questions. Regarding the fertilizer ordinance, he requested Ms. Sweeney contact Dr. Jurado in a year or so on how this worked in Miami-Dade County before Broward County moves forward on a fertilizer ordinance. With respect to septic to sewer, he inquired how much is the cost on average. Broward County is averaging \$10,000 - 15,000. Ms. Sweeney suggested the Water and Sewer Department as a resource. Chair Geller noted that Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties were excluded from legislative funding of septic to sewer. Councilmember Cates hopes the government will invest in these water concerns in South Florida. Councilmember Furr thanked Ms. Sweeney for the presentation and all the County is doing to improve water issues. He also hopes that the counties will invest in advanced water treatment like Monroe County did. He inquired if she was familiar with a recent “Right to Clean Water” Charter Amendment adopted by Orange County. Ms. Sweeney stated that she has not. Chair Geller thanked Ms. Sweeney and appreciated her involvement.

Ms. Sweeney’ presentation can be located at the SFRPC website: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Biscayne-Bay-Presentation.pdf>

## **VI. Program Reports and Activities**

- A. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report
- B. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Mr. Tart gave an update on the status of both loan programs, and the history of the funding sources. He provided details on the deployment of funding in the respective counties. Additional comments were provided regarding an existing borrower in litigation and that pertinent information will be found in the Agenda Item Status Report. He thanked the Councilmembers for their support and outreach for both the traditional RLF and the CARES Act RLF. The SFRPC RLF Program was congratulated and selected by the EDA as a leading program in the country demonstrating our commitment to achieving equitable outcomes and supporting minority diversification. The RLF Cares Act has successfully deployed the full grant allotment of \$5.38 million. He thanked the Councilmembers for their time. Councilmember Bailey requested more information on the litigation. Legal Counsel Mr. Horowitz stated it is currently in litigation and gave an update accordingly. Chair Geller thanked Councilmembers Kaufman and Goldberg for their service on the RLF Board and for all the good work they have done.

- C. South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review



Mrs. Cosio Carballo referred to the Agenda Item and stated that the Councilmembers will be updated moving forward. Chair Geller stated that the Selection Committee meeting was challenging with so many qualified applicants. We are now waiting for the contract.

D. FRCA Winter Policy Board Forum

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated the Florida Regional Council Association's Annual Report is attached. Mr. Guthrie was a guest at the meeting and the Directors of the Regional Councils discussed how to assist FDEM and the local governments with an education process on how to increase their score and receive funding quicker. Chair Geller asked how other RPCs manage regional planning now that their major legislative responsibilities have been taken away. Mrs. Cosio Carballo responded that the RPCs would say that they are undertaking regional planning. Planning activities vary across the state. The Tampa Bay RPC is undertaking an MIRR, and they staff their Climate Compact based on the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. There is a report by FRCA that highlights all the different projects within their region. She stated that she and Mr. Lanahan, with the support of this Board, consistently work to convene regional planning conversations. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated she has the presentation from FRCA that depicts what the other RPCs are doing in their area, and would be happy to share it with the Board. As your staff, our main objective is to help you and our region be successful.

**Public Comments – None**

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1) Friday, March 18, 2022, TBD (TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting)
  - 2) Monday, March 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)
  - 3) Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the January 24, 2022, Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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Michelle Coldiron, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

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Date