

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 3, 2022**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Committee met virtually and in person on this date at the Council's office located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. Chair Geller welcomed Councilmembers Bailey, García, and Lincoln. Legal Counsel Sam Goren announced this meeting is being conducted as a workshop/discussion since there is not a quorum due to the lack of physical presence. Chair Geller stated that there will not be any voting today, just Councilmembers' input.

Chair Geller offered the Council's condolences to Councilmember Lincoln on the passing of her mother. Councilmember Lincoln thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

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

Chair Steve Geller  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey\*  
Councilmember Beam Furr\*\*  
Councilmember René García\*  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman\*\*  
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln\*

\*Virtually Present

\*\*Absent

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

**II. Approval of Council Agenda**

No approval since a quorum was not present.

**III. Budget Update / Discussion Items**

**B. FY 22-23 / FY 23-24 Selected Programs & Projects Update**

Chair Geller stated that the SFRPC has been conducting more regional meetings in the past few years since the loss of the Council's regulatory authority. Examples include the South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review meetings, Mayors' Affordable Housing Conversation (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties), multiple conferences including the First / Last Mile Conference (Feb. 2023) and SFRPC / TCRPC Solid Waste Conference (October 2022), Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition meetings, etc. These regional meetings have become expensive, including the cost of staff time. Mrs. Cosio Carballo referred to the Agenda Item and explained in detail the Council's various programs, grants, contracts, and regional meetings. Discussion ensued on the cost of the meetings and how this has affected the Council's budget. Chair Geller requested the Financial Report before continuing.

**A. Financial Report (as of February 28, 2023)**

Director of Finance and IT, Leo Braslavsky Soldi, presented the Financial Report in detail, including the project breakdown and the cost of regional meetings that have taken place in the past few years.

B. FYI 22-23 / FY 23-24 Selected Programs & Projects Update

The Executive Director referred the Councilmembers to the Selected Programs & Projects Update summary.

C. FY 23-24 Council Dues

Chair Geller summarized the Council's staffing history and asked Mrs. Cosio Carballo about future hiring. She explained in detail the Council staffing from 2003 to the present, the essential positions that are fundamental to moving the Council and its work forward, and the potential cost of filling vacant positions.

The discussion continued with the Council Dues. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the other Regional Planning Councils' dues comparison chart in which the SFRPC is the lowest. Chair Geller explained the past vote on the dues increase and the three proposals that are before the Executive Committee today. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the three proposals in detail. Chair Geller noted each county's cost increase over the next four years along with the inflation and whether that increase would help the SFRPC. He mentioned that he does not know of any other Florida RPC that is holding the quality or quantity of regional conferences that the SFRPC is organizing. He stated that to continue this path, the Council will need additional revenue. Chair Geller gave the detailed amounts of the increase per county.

**IV. Council Member Comments**

Councilmember Bailey stated that the Council is doing an amazing job with the funds presently available given our dues are lower than the other RPCs. Counties have enjoyed surplus funding over the past few years and cautions that this may not be the case in the future. He stated that it is not a huge increase but cannot speak for the county commissions.

Councilmember García stated he cannot speak for his fellow Commissioners but thinks the County will be okay with the increase.

Councilmember Lincoln was concerned about Monroe County's financial strain. She will bring the proposal to the Commission and thinks the Commission would be more likely to approve the 2 cents per capita than the 2.5 cents per capita. She thinks our events are great and inquired about charging for the events. Chair Geller stated that charging a nominal amount for the events is something the Council has been considering.

Chair Geller summarized the conversation and noted that a reasonable compromise would be the 2 cents per capita. Councilmembers Bailey, García, and Lincoln agreed. Chair Geller stated bringing up the dues increase from 1.25 cents per capita to 2 cents per capita will be part of the next Council Meeting.

Chair Geller requested Councilmembers Bailey, García, and Lincoln come up with other regional convening topics, such as the Silver Tsunami, housing, water issues, sea level rise, etc. He reminded the Councilmembers to distribute the insurance brochures to their constituents. The Councilmembers presented suggested topics for future regional conversations including regional collaboration / strategies to ensure that the region receives full infrastructure funding, health care, mental health care and housing, solid waste, drug abuse issues, a workshop for the three counties to contract together on grants (transit), etc.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.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 April 3, 2023 workshop of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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Michelle Lincoln, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

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Date