MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Committee met virtually and in person on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Acting Chair Caplan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Acting Chair Caplan led the Pledge of Allegiance. The recording of this meeting can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gilRjUUwWU

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Acting Chair Frank Caplan
Councilmember Albritton
Councilmember Cates
Councilmember Beam Furr
Chair Garcia *
Councilmember Steve Geller
Councilmember Cary Goldberg (VP)
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln (VP)

A = Absent
D = Designee
* = Excused Absence
VP = Virtually Present

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:
Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District 6
Megan Rutter for Viviana Useche, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Armando Vilaboy, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, stated that the Executive Committee was convened to conduct the Annual Performance Reviews of the General Counsel and Executive Director and to make recommendations to the full Council regarding their respective contracts. He advised that the Executive Committee is composed of designated officers of the Council, confirmed that a physical quorum was present, and noted that members attending remotely could participate and vote pursuant to Florida law authorizing hybrid public meetings when the required quorum is physically present. He further confirmed that the Committee was authorized to conduct business and take action on the matters before it.

II. Action Items

A. General Counsel Annual Review

Acting Chair Caplan moved to consider the General Counsel Annual Review. He noted that Mr. Goren received highly favorable evaluations from the Executive Committee Members who submitted reviews and read several comments commending his legal expertise, professionalism, responsiveness, and longstanding service to the Council. Committee Members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Goren's counsel and dedication to the organization. Mr. Goren thanked the Committee for its support and stated that it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Council's Legal Counsel. He remarked that he and his law firm have served as counsel to the South Florida Regional Planning Council since 1982 and expressed his appreciation for the longstanding relationship with the Council.

Acting Chair Caplan noted that the proposed contract amendment would increase the hourly billing rate for law partners from $305 to $315 per hour.

Councilmember Geller motioned to recommend approval of the General Counsel contract renewal and billing rate adjustment. Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Executive Director Annual Review

Acting Chair Caplan moved to consider the Executive Director Annual Review. He noted that this would be the final year of Isabel Cosio Carballo's current contract term and that the Council would need to begin planning for the Executive Director transition in the coming year. Committee Members reviewed the evaluation comments submitted and noted that they were highly complimentary of Mrs. Cosio Carballo's performance and leadership. Committee discussion focused on a proposed cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and merit increase. They discussed the COLA adjustments being implemented by local governments and acknowledged that the Executive Director and Council staff did not receive merit increases during the previous year due to county budgetary constraints, which limited merit increases and COLA adjustments for county employees. Executive Director Cosio Carballo explained that she seeks to align with county actions on these decisions when considering COLA and merit increases for Council staff.

Councilmember Geller recommended a three percent (3%) cost-of-living adjustment consistent with staff adjustments and expressed support for a modest merit increase in recognition of Mrs. Cosio Carballo's performance.

Councilmember Geller motioned to recommend approval of the Executive Director's contract for the final year of the current term, including a three percent (3%) cost-of-living adjustment and a two percent (2%) merit increase. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Adjournment

Acting Chair Caplan adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Treasurer of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 30, 2026, of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, adopted on October 26, 2026.

Quentin "Beam" Furr, Treasurer
Commissioner, Broward County for
Maria Rodriguez, Secretary
Commissioner, City of Pembroke Pines

October 26, 2026

Date