



PALM BEACH Metropolitan Planning Organization

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD

September 18, 2025

301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

These minutes are a summary of the meeting events and may not reflect all the discussion that occurred. PDF versions of the agenda, backup materials, presentations, and audio recordings are available for review at PalmBeachMPO.org/Board.

1. REGULAR ITEMS

1.A. Call to Order and Roll Call

CHAIR REED called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Joaquin Almazan (Alt)	P	Christopher McVoy	P	Glen Spiritis (Alt)	P
Yvette Drucker	P	Johnnie Tieche (Alt)	P	Jeff Hmara	P
Fran Nachlas	P	Deandre Poole	P	Michael Napoleone	P
Aimee Kelley	P	Gregg Weiss	A	Christy Fox	P
Rob Long	P	Marci Woodward	P	Joseph Peduzzi	P
Susy Diaz	P	Sara Baxter	P	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	P	Joel Flores	P	Chelsea Reed	P

P = Present A = Absent

A quorum was present in-person. Additionally, Commissioner Gregg Weiss requested remote participation due to extenuating circumstances and board members were all in favor.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIR REED led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Sara Baxter, seconded by Joel Flores, and carried unanimously 20-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joaquin Almazan (Alt)	Y	Christopher McVoy	Y	Glen Spiritis (Alt)	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Johnnie Tieche (Alt)	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Rob Long	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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1.D. General Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

1.E. Comments from the Chair and Member Comments

JEFF HMARA encouraged Board members to stay engaged and provide input on the Countywide Transportation Master Plan.

JIM KURETSKI noted the impact of speed tables on fire trucks and emphasized the importance of intersection improvements, roadway analysis, and addressing intersection overcapacity.

CHRISTOPHER MCVOY echoed Kuretski's comments, expressed concern about Tri-Rail funding, and requested an update.

MARCI WOODWARD provided an update and overview of Tri-Rail's funding status.

YVETTE DRUCKER reported serving on the National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee, noting the September 19 deadline for the transportation reauthorization bill and highlighting Boca Connect, school zone traffic cameras, and Parking Day at Mizner Park.

1.F. Executive Director's Report

VALERIE NEILSON, MPO Executive Director, provided updates available at PalmBeachMPO.org/Board.

1.I. APPROVED Consent Agenda Items

1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025
2. Appointment to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TD LCB)
 - a. Merlene Ramnon, Local Medical Community Representative
3. Reappointment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - a. Jason Kaufman, City of Delray Beach Representative
4. Appointments to the TAC
 - a. William Leidy, City of Boynton Beach Representative
 - b. Luiza Pessoa Guazelli, City of Boynton Beach Alternate
 - c. Brittany Jameson, Palm Beach County Airports Representative
 - d. Kara McIntosh, Palm Beach County Airports Alternate

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by Sara Baxter seconded by Marci Woodward and carried unanimously 20-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joaquin Almazan (Alt)	Y	Christopher McVoy	Y	Glen Spiritis (Alt)	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Johnnie Tieche (Alt)	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Rob Long	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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2. ACTION ITEMS

2.A. **MOTION TO ADOPT Amendment #1 to the MPO's Fiscal Year (FY) 26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

ANDREW UHLIR, Deputy Director of Programs, provided a presentation.

MOTION to adopt Amendment #1 to the MPO's Fiscal Year (FY) 26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) made by Joel Flores seconded by Michael Napoleone and carried unanimously 20-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joaquin Almazan (Alt)	Y	Christopher McVoy	Y	Glen Spiritis (Alt)	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Johnnie Tieche (Alt)	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Rob Long	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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2.B. **MOTION TO APPROVE Discontinuing use of the d/b/a "Palm Beach MPO" and reaffirming the statutory name 'Palm Beach MPO'**

VALERIE NEILSON, Executive Director, provided a presentation.

GREGG WEISS inquired about the cost associated with the transition.

CHAIR REED noted that the website platform would be a seamless transition.

CHRISTOPHER MCVOY expressed that he liked the MPO name but acknowledged that the change could be beneficial for practical reasons.

CHAIR REED added that the change has been under consideration for some time to enhance transparency, consistency, and public understanding.

MOTION to approve Discontinuing use of the d/b/a "Palm Beach MPO" and reaffirming the statutory name "Palm Beach MPO" made by Marci Woodward seconded by Christopher McVoy carried unanimously 20-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joaquin Almazan (Alt)	Y	Christopher McVoy	Y	Glen Spiritis (Alt)	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Johnnie Tieche (Alt)	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Aimee Kelley	Y	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Rob Long	Y	Marci Woodward	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	Y
Susy Diaz	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.A. Partner Agency Updates

THUY SHUTT, Palm Beach County Planning Director, provided an update on the Countywide Transportation Plan.

IVAN MALDONADO, Palm Tran Executive Director, provided an update on the Palm Tran ridership.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4.A. Routine MPO Reports

- A. FDOT Scheduling Report – September 2025
- B. Public Involvement Activity Report – July and August 2025
- C. Next Meeting – **October 30, 2025**
- C. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Chair, or a designated nominee, of the MPO Governing Board and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting of the Board dated October 30, 2025.



Chair Chelsea Reed, Palm Beach Gardens Councilmember

EXHIBIT A

Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board

Representative Alternate(s) Local Government	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25
Chelsea Reed, Councilmember CHAIR Dana Middleton, Vice Mayor City of Palm Beach Gardens	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P
Maria Marino, Vice Mayor VICE CHAIR – District 1 Palm Beach County	P		P		P			P	E	P		E
Steve Wilson, Mayor Joaquin Almazan, Vice Mayor City of Belle Glade	P		P		P			A	P	A		ALT
Yvette Drucker, Council Member City of Boca Raton	P		P		ALT			P	ALT	ALT		P
Fran Nachlas, Deputy Mayor Andy Thomson, Council Member Marc Wigder, Council Member City of Boca Raton	P		P		P			P	ALT	P		P
Aimee Kelly, Commissioner Angela Cruz, Commissioner City of Boynton Beach	E		E		P			P	P	P		P
Rob Long, Vice Mayor Thomas Markert, Commissioner City of Delray Beach	P		E		P			P	E	P		P
Susy Diaz, Deputy Mayor Judith Dugo, Councilmember City of Greenacres	A		P		E			P	P	E		P
Jim Kuretski, Mayor Ron Delaney, Councilor Town of Jupiter	P		P		P			P	P	P		P
Christopher McVoy, Commissioner Mimi May, Commissioner City of Lake Worth Beach	P		A		P			P	P	P		P
Bev Smith, Mayor Johnnie Tieche, Council Member Village of Palm Springs	E		P		ALT			P	P	ALT		ALT
Joel Flores, Commissioner – District 3 Palm Beach County	-		P		P			P	E	ALT		P
Sara Baxter, Vice Mayor – District 6 Palm Beach County	P		P		P			P	E	P		P
Gregg Weiss, Commissioner – District 2 Palm Beach County	P		P		P			P	E	P		P

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Marci Woodward, Commissioner – District 4 Maria Sachs, Mayor – District 5 Bobby Powell, Commissioner – District 7 Palm Beach County	P		P		P			P	P	P		P
Deandre Poole, Commissioner Varisa Lall Dass, Commissioner Port of Palm Beach	P		P		P			P	P	P		P
Bruce Guyton, Council Member Glen Spiritis, Council Member City of Riviera Beach	P		P		P			P	P	P		P
Jeff Hmara, Mayor Richard Valuntas, Vice Mayor Village of Royal Palm Beach	E		P		P			P	P	ALT		ALT
Michael Napoleone, Mayor John McGovern, Vice Mayor Village of Wellington	P		P		P			P	ALT	P		P
Christy Fox, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach	P		P		P			E	E	P		P
Joseph Peduzzi, Commissioner Shalonda Warren, Commissioner Christina Lambert, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach	ALT		ALT		E			P	E	P		P

Attendance Record

** New Appointment

P - Representative Present

ALT- Alternate Present

E - Excused

A - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Valerie Neilson
Andrew Uhler
Brian Ruscher
Melissa Eble
Carly Diglio
Ruth Del Pino
Cesar Martinez
Scott Case
Kelly Budhu
Victoria Peters
Victoria Williams
Scott Peterson
Silvana Alvarez
Dave Dech
Ivan Maldonado

REPRESENTING

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Deborah Posey Blocker
Richard Valunatas
Joanne keller
Kayla West
Yaneli Mata
Michael Corbit
Mel Pollock
Andrew Velesques
Bill Howell

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