



# PALM BEACH Transportation Planning Agency

## OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE PALM BEACH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (TPA) GOVERNING BOARD

October 19, 2023

301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Meeting was also conducted virtually via Zoom

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### 1. REGULAR ITEMS

#### 1.A. Call to Order and Roll Call

CHAIR REED called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	P	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	P	Joni Brinkman	P	Fred Pinto	P
Fran Nachlas	P	Deandre Poole	P	John McGovern (Alt)	P
Angela Cruz	E	Gregg Weiss	P	Christy Fox	P
Shelly Petrolia	P	Sara Baxter	P	Joseph Peduzzi	E
Joel Flores	E	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	P	Mack Bernard	A	Chelsea Reed	P

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A quorum was present in-person. Maria Marino requested virtual attendance due to extenuating circumstances. The Board approved the members to participate remotely.

#### 1.B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Reed led the invocation and pledge.

#### 1.C. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

**MOTION to adopt the agenda made by Gregg Weiss, seconded by Yvette Drucker, and carried unanimously 14-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	P	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	P	Joni Brinkman	P	Fred Pinto	P
Fran Nachlas	P	Deandre Poole	P	John McGovern (Alt)	P
Angela Cruz	E	Gregg Weiss	P	Christy Fox	P
Shelly Petrolia	P	Sara Baxter (Alt)	P	Joseph Peduzzi	E
Joel Flores	E	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	P
Jim Kuretski	P	Mack Bernard	A	Chelsea Reed	P

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**1.D. General Public Comments**

There were no public comments received.

**1.E. Comments from the Chair and Member Comments**

There were no chair and member comments.

**1.F. Executive Director’s Report**

VALERIE NEILSON, TPA Executive Director, reviewed her report available at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

**1.G. APPROVED Consent Agenda Items**

1. Amended Governing Board Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2023
2. Appointments to the TPA Advisory Committees through September 2026
  - a. Cesar Martinez as the Florida Department of Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Representative
  - b. James McCormack as the City of Lake Worth Beach Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) Representative.
  - c. Brian Rosen as the Palm Beach County District 7 CAC Representative.

**MOTION to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Deandre Poole, seconded by Sara Baxter, and carried unanimously 14-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	Y	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Fred Pinto	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Shelly Petrolia	Y	Sara Baxter (Alt)	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	A
Joel Flores	A	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Mack Bernard	A	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**2.A. ADOPTED: A Resolution endorsing FDOT’s FY 2025-2029 Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP)**

ANDREW UHLIR, TPA Deputy Director of Programs, provided a presentation that can be viewed at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

There were no public comments on this item.

Maria Sachs joined the meeting at 9:14 am.

JIM KURETSKI commented on the Indiantown Rd bridge and commended FDOT on their collaboration, timeline incentives, and scheduling.

MARIA SACHS asked FDOT what provisions they have made to the Lyons Rd and Atlantic Ave project to prioritize pedestrian safety. She also asked if FDOT would be willing to meet to discuss re-designing the curb to protect bicyclists and pedestrians.

YVETTE DRUCKER congratulated Steve Braun, FDOT District 4 Secretary, on his new role and expressed gratitude to FDOT for expediting the Brightline and Tri-rail projects in Boca Raton.

GREGG WEISS thanked FDOT for their work in Palm Beach County.

Mark Bernard joined the meeting at 9:59 am.

**MOTION to adopt a resolution endorsing FDOT’s FY 2025-2029 Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP) made by Sara Baxter, seconded by John McGovern, and carried unanimously 16-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	Y	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Fred Pinto	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Shelly Petrolia	Y	Sara Baxter (Alt)	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	A
Joel Flores	A	Maria Sachs	Y	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Mack Bernard	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2.B. ADOPTED: The 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Guidelines and Scoring System.**

BRIAN RUSCHER, TPA Deputy Director of Multimodal, provided a presentation that can be viewed at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

There were no public comments on this item.

DEANDRE POOLE expressed concerns regarding the current ranking system, and asked how much change the committee members make.

JIM KURETSKI stated the minimum grant is \$250k and inquired on the use of the funds on a larger area.

GREGG WEISS commented on objective ranking and stated he would prefer it if the board saw the objective rankings before the committees. He also noted if a municipality does not attend the ranking and scoring meeting, it could hinder the community’s development.

FRAN NACHLAS echoed Mayor Weiss and Commissioner Poole’s comment. Council Member Nachlas proposed a substitute motion to adopt the 2024 objective guidelines system scoring while removing the Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC) re-ranking.

Maria Sachs left the meeting.

**MOTION to Adopt the 2024 Transportation Alternative (TA) Program Guidelines and system scoring while removing the re-ranking process from VZAC by Fran Nachlas and seconded by Deandre Poole. A roll call vote was taken and passed 16-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	Y	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Fred Pinto	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Shelly Petrolia	Y	Sara Baxter (Alt)	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	A
Joel Flores	A	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Mack Bernard	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2.C. ADOPTED: A Resolution approving Amendment #2 to the TPA’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan**

CHAIR REED stated this item was presented at last month’s meeting and there was no change to the content of the item from the last meeting. The board did not require a presentation and made a motion.

GREGG WEISS asked if the SR-7 project was included in the 2045 LRTP.

Mariah Sachs re-joined the meeting.

**MOTION to Adopt a resolution approving Amendment #2 to the TPA’s 2045 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan made by John McGovern and seconded by Yvette Drucker. A roll call was taken and passed 13-2 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	Y	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Fred Pinto	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	N	Christy Fox	N
Shelly Petrolia	Y	Sara Baxter (Alt)	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	A
Joel Flores	A	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Mack Bernard	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2.D. ADOPTED: A Resolution re-affirming the Current Membership and Apportionment Plan, the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map, and regional transportation planning coordination through the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)**

ANDREW UHLIR, TPA Deputy Director of Programs, provided a presentation that can be viewed at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

SARA BAXTER asked if the Census map reflected people living or driving in the area.

JIM KURETSKI reminded the Board to represent the smaller municipalities in their boundaries and emphasized the importance of advocating for them.

REINALDO DIAZ stated the importance of advocating for our neighbors and inquired about the ability to use the planning area boundary to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

SARA BAXTER asked for clarification County Road (CR) 880 and why it is not federal-aid eligible.

**MOTION to Adopt a resolution re-affirming the Current Membership and Apportionment Plan, the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map, and regional transportation planning coordination through the SEFTC made by Maria Sachs and seconded by Fred Pinto. A roll call was taken and passed 16-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	A	Reinaldo Diaz	Y	Shirley Lanier	A
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Fred Pinto	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	John McGovern (Alt)	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Shelly Petrolia	Y	Sara Baxter (Alt)	Y	Joseph Peduzzi	A
Joel Flores	A	Maria Sachs	A	Maria Marino	A
Jim Kuretski	Y	Mack Bernard	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**3.A. DISCUSSED: Port of Palm Beach Overview**

CARL BAKER, Port of Palm Beach Director of Planning and Development, provided a presentation that can be viewed at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

FRAN NACHLAS asked Mr. Baker if the Port of Palm Beach had heard of technology used in ports that captures emissions and converts them to electricity.

REINALDO DIAZ asked about the Port of Palm Beach’s process to recycle mixed metals.

**3.B DISCUSSED: Palm Tran Efficiency Efforts**

CLINTON FORBES, Palm Tran Executive Director, provided a presentation that can be viewed at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

CHRISTY FOX asked how Palm Tran communicates changes to routes to the public.

**3.C DISCUSSED: Partner Agency Updates**

There were no partner agency updates.

CHAIR REED recognized Mobility Week as a cooperative effort by FDOT and its partner agencies to promote awareness of safe multimodal transportation choices at the end of October.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**4.A. Routine TPA Reports**

1. Public Involvement Activity Report – August and July 2023
2. FDOT Scheduling Report – September 2023

There were no public comments or Board member discussion on these items.

**4.B. Next Meeting- October 19, 2023**

There were no public comments or board member discussion on this item.

**4.C. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Chair, or a designated nominee, of the TPA Governing Board and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the October 19, 2023, meeting of the Board, dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



Chair Chelsea Reed, Palm Beach Gardens Mayor

**EXHIBIT A**

Transportation Planning Agency Governing Board

<b>Representative Alternate(s) Local Government</b>	<b>Nov '22</b>	<b>Dec '22</b>	<b>Jan '23</b>	<b>Feb '23</b>	<b>Mar '23</b>	<b>Apr '23</b>	<b>May '23</b>	<b>Jun '23</b>	<b>Jul '23</b>	<b>Aug '23</b>	<b>Sep '23</b>	<b>Oct '23</b>		
Chelsea Reed, Mayor CHAIR City of Palm Beach Gardens	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	P	P	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P		
Maria Marino, Commissioner VICE CHAIR Palm Beach County		P		P	P	P	P	E	P		P	P	P	
Steve B. Wilson, Mayor City of Belle Glade		P		A	P	P	P	P	A		P	P	A	
Yvette Drucker, Council Member City of Boca Raton		P		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Fran Nachlas, Council Member Monica Mayotte, Council Member City of Boca Raton		ALT		ALT	ALT	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Angela Cruz, Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay, Commissioner City of Boynton Beach		E		P	E	ALT	ALT	P	E		P	E	P	E
Shelly Petrolia, Mayor Rob Long, Deputy Vice- Mayor City of Delray Beach		ALT		P	P	P	P	P	ALT		P	P	P	P
Joel Flores, Mayor City of Greenacres		P		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	E
Jim Kuretski, Mayor Town of Jupiter		P		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	E	P	P
Reinaldo Diaz, Commissioner Christopher McVoy, Vice Mayor City of Lake Worth Beach		P		E	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Joni Brinkman, Vice Mayor Village of Palm Springs		P		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Deandre Poole, Commissioner Port of Palm Beach		E		p**	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Mack Bernard, Commissioner Michael Barnett, Commissioner Palm Beach County		P		A	A	ALT	P	P	E		P	E	P	P
Maria Sachs, Vice Mayor Palm Beach County		P		E	P	E	E	E	P		E	E	E	P
Gregg Weiss, Mayor Palm Beach County	P	ALT	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P			
Shirley Lanier, Councilwoman City of Riviera Beach	E	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	E	A	A			

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Fred Pinto, Mayor Jeff Hmara, Councilman Village of Royal Palm Beach		P		ALT	ALT	P	A	P	P		P	P
Michael Napoleone, Vice Mayor Village of Wellington		P		P	P	P	P	P	P		ALT	ALT
Christy Fox, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach		P		P	E	P	P	P	P		P	P
Joseph Peduzzi, Commissioner Shalonda Warren, Commissioner Christina Lambert, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach			ALT	P	ALT	P	P	P	E		P	E
Maci Woodward, Commissioner Palm Beach County - District 4		P		P	A	P	P	P	P		P	ALT

**Attendance Record**

\*\* New Appointment

P - Representative Present

ALT- Alternate Present

E - Excused

A - Absent

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Valerie Neilson  
Andrew Uhlir  
Melissa Murray  
Sienna Aitken  
Ruth Del Pino  
Paul Gougelman  
James Brown  
Alison Stult  
Victoria Williams  
Christine Fasiska  
Cesar Martinez  
Sabrina Aubery  
Jessica Rubio  
Shandra Haynes  
Natasha Wallace  
Mark J. Madgar  
Omid Fallahinejad  
Edwardo Caballero  
Stessy Cocerez  
Khurshid Mohyuddin  
Todd Bonlarron  
Yaremi Farinas  
Elijah Brown  
Clinton Forbes  
Richard Radcliffe  
Susan O'Rourke  
Thuha Nguyen

**REPRESENTING**

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