



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

**December 12, 2024**

301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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**1. REGULAR ITEMS**

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

CHAIR REED called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The Recording Secretary called the roll.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Steve Wilson	P	Reinaldo Diaz	A	Glen Spiritis	P
Yvette Drucker	P	Joni Brinkman	P	Jeff Hmara	P
Fran Nachlas	P	Deandre Poole	P	Michael Napoleone	P
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	P	Christy Fox	P
Rob Long	A	Marci Woodward	P	Shalonda Warren (Alt)	P
Chuck Shaw	A	Sara Baxter	P	Maria Marino	P
Jim Kuretski	P	Joel Flores	P	Chelsea Reed	P

P = Present A = Absent

A quorum was present in-person.

**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.

**D. General Public Comments**

There were no public comments received.

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

MARIA MARINO recognized newly elected Commissioner Joel Flores as Palm Beach County- District 3 representative and Commissioner Bobby Powell Palm Beach County- District 7 as alternate.

JIM KURETSKI thanked FDOT for working with the Town of Jupiter to address the public’s questions and concerns about the city’s ongoing projects.

MARCI WOODWARD announced that the Board of County Commissioners issued a Transportation Master Plan Request for Proposals (RFP) and an upcoming meeting with FDOT, City of Delray Beach, and Palm Beach County Engineering Department regarding Atlantic Avenue plans.

GLEN SPIRITIS thanked Valerie Neilson and the TPA staff for meeting with the City of Riviera Beach.

JEFF HMARA noted his recent meeting with Palm Tran's Executive Director to discuss their voucher programs and Bus Link services.

YVETTE DRUCKER expressed appreciation to Valerie Neilson and the TPA staff for their help. She also noted that Boca Raton Airport is expected to experience higher air traffic due to the new administration.

CHAIR REED stated that the City of Palm Beach Gardens will start preparing for Burns Road construction to develop a two-way cycle track and improve pedestrian infrastructure.

**G. Executive Director’s Report**

VALERIE NEILSON, TPA Executive Director, provided updates available at [PalmBeachTPA.org/Board](http://PalmBeachTPA.org/Board).

Chuck Shaw joined the meeting at 9:47 am.

GREGG WEISS inquired about an operations fund modeled off the Economic Development trip to Dallas.

CHRISTY FOX encouraged board members to apply to the Smart Growth America Champions Institute.

JEFF HMARA thanked the county commission for issuing an RFP to develop a County Transportation Plan.

**H. APPROVED Consent Agenda Items**

1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes for October 31, 2024
2. 2025 TPA Meeting Schedule-Revised
3. Appointment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) through December 2027
  - a. Melissa Ackert, Palm Beach County Engineering Department Alternate
4. Appointment to the Transportation Disadvantage Local Coordinating Board (TD LCB) through December 2027
  - a. Adam Reback, Palm Beach County Community Services Department Alternate
5. Procurement Policy Amendment  
Resolution amending the TPA Procurement Policy for legal and state consistency.
6. Procurement Policy Amendment  
Resolution amending the TPA Financial Policies Policy for legal and state consistency.
7. Citrin Cooperman & Co., LLP Agreement to add \$13,125 for additional services to prepare and complete FY 2024 financial statements

**MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda made by Maria Marino, seconded by Fran Nachlas, and carried unanimously 18-0 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	Y	Reinaldo Diaz	A	Glen Spiritis	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Y	Christy Fox	Y
Rob Long	A	Marci Woodward	Y	Shalonda Warren (Alt)	Y
Chuck Shaw	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**2.A. MOTION TO ELECT OFFICERS for the 2025 Calendar Year**

CHAIR REED read the TPA Operating Procedures Section 2.2A and opened the floor for nominations for the office of the TPA Chair, Vice Chair, and three Board Officers for the Executive Committee.

There were no public comments.

MICHAEL NAPOLEONE nominated Chelsea Reed as TPA Chair.

JOEL FLORES nominated Maria Marino as TPA Vice Chair

A vote for Chelsea Reed as TPA Chair and Maria Marino as TPA Vice Chair carried unanimously 18-0.

CHAIR REED asked for nominations for TPA Board Officers to serve on the Executive Committee.

FRAN NACHLAS nominated Yvette Drucker, Christy Fox, and Micheal Napoleone as TPA Board Officers.

SARA BAXTER nominated Marci Woodward, Michael Napoleone, and Christy Fox as TPA Board Officers.

RECORDING SECRETARY conducted a roll call vote for Yvette Drucker, Christy Fox, Michael Napoleone and Marci Woodward as depicted in the table below.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Steve Wilson	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Reinaldo Diaz	A	Glen Spiritis	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone
Yvette Drucker	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Joni Brinkman	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone	Jeff Hmara	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone
Fran Nachlas	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Deandre Poole	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Michael Napoleone	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone	Christy Fox	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone
Rob Long	A	Marci Woodward	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone	Shalonda Warren (Alt)	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone
Chuck Shaw	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Sara Baxter	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone	Maria Marino	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone
Jim Kuretski	Woodward/Fox/ Napoleone	Joel Flores	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone	Chelsea Reed	Drucker/Fox/ Napoleone

YVETTE DRUCKER, CHRISTY FOX, and MICHAEL NAPOLEONE were elected 2025 TPA Board Officers.

**2.B. MOTION TO ADOPT the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

STEWART ROBERTSON, Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. representative, provided a presentation.

PIA SKORAN submitted a public comment and voiced concerns about the proposed traffic plans for the Acreage and the additional traffic they would bring. She suggested working with the City of West Palm Beach to extend State Road 7 to Northlake Blvd. to eliminate traffic on local roads.

WILLIAM DERKS submitted a public comment and voiced concerns about the proposed traffic plan, suggesting the main arterial roads be opened to ease congestion on local roads. He also asked board members to oppose the proposal to extend Okeechobee Blvd. along State Road 80.

BEN BROWN submitted a public comment and asked for an update on the Okeechobee Blvd. extension project and stressed the urgency of completing it due to the increase in crashes in Arden.

NINA CORNING submitted a public comment and expressed concerns about the negative impact the traffic plan for the Acreage could have on their neighborhood.

JIM KURETSKI stated that he will vote against the 2050 LRTP, because, despite the 2019 FDOT congestion study of Palm Beach County identifying Indiantown Road as the most congested, the proposed roadway modifications were not included in the Cost Feasible List.

SARA BAXTER requested an update on the State Road 7 project status.

MICHAEL NAPOLEONE thanked the residents of the western communities for their public comments and emphasized the need for the State Road 7 project for public safety and roadway network connectivity.

GLEN SPIRITIS stated his intention to vote for the 2050 LRTP and noted that new development along US-1 / Broadway in Riviera Beach.

JEFF HMARA noted the 2050 LRTP will inform the Countywide Master Transportation Plan, allowing for new alternatives and promoting mass transit in areas that were not previously considered.

STEVE WILSON expressed his support for the 2050 LRTP and asked what the course of action would be if the court ruling opposes the State Road 7 expansion.

MARIA MARINO noted the County Transportation Plan is a global perspective and urged all 39 municipalities to assess their future needs and collaborate.

MARCI WOODWARD inquired about how often the plan is updated to reflect current traffic needs and whether priority projects can be re-ranked.

SARA BAXTER emphasized State Road 7 is essential for reducing traffic congestion, making it a priority.

**MOTION to adopt the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) made by Joel Flores seconded by Sara Baxter and passed 14-4 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	Y	Reinaldo Diaz	A	Glen Spiritis	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	N	Christy Fox	N
Rob Long	A	Marci Woodward	Y	Shalonda Warren (Alt)	N
Chuck Shaw	Y	Sara Baxter	Y	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	N	Joel Flores	Y	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**2.C MOTION TO ENDORSE the FY 2026-2030 DRAFT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM (DTWP)**

ANDREW UHLIR, Deputy Director of Programs, Steve Braun, Florida Department of Transportation, District 4 Secretary, Jessica Rubio, Florida Department of Transportation, and James Brown Jr, Florida Turnpike Enterprise Liaison, provided a presentation.

STEVE WILSON requested that FDOT provide a detailed update on the progress of the State Road 80 project to the Belle Glade Community and asked if there is a backup plan for weather-related delays.

JIM KURETSKI asked if new funding from the State is being prioritized for agricultural roads.

Sara Baxter left the meeting at 11:10am.

Gregg Weiss left the meeting at 11:10am.

Chuck Shaw left the meeting at 11:20am.

Shalonda Warren left the meeting at 11:20am.

Joel Flores left the meeting at 11:28am.

**MOTION to adopt the FY 2026-2030 Draft Tentative Work Program (DTWP) made by Michael Napoleone seconded by Yvette Drucker and 12-1 as depicted in the table below.**

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Steve Wilson	Y	Reinaldo Diaz	A	Glen Spiritis	Y
Yvette Drucker	Y	Joni Brinkman	Y	Jeff Hmara	Y
Fran Nachlas	Y	Deandre Poole	Y	Michael Napoleone	Y
Angela Cruz	A	Gregg Weiss	A	Christy Fox	N
Rob Long	A	Marci Woodward	Y	Shalonda Warren (Alt)	A
Chuck Shaw	A	Sara Baxter	A	Maria Marino	Y
Jim Kuretski	Y	Joel Flores	A	Chelsea Reed	Y

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**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**3.A. DISCUSSED: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Transit Development Plan**

JESSICA VARGAS ASTAIZA, SFRTA Transit Development Plan Project Manager, provided a presentation.

There were no public comments.

GLEN SPIRITS inquired about the use of track negotiations for Tri-Rail Coastal Link northbound travel.

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

There were no partner agency updates.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

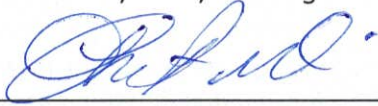
**4.A. Routine TPA Reports**

- A. FDOT Scheduling Report – December 2024
- B. Public Involvement Activity Report – October and November 2024
- C. Next Meeting – **February 20, 2025**
- D. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 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 December 12, 2024, meeting of the Board dated February 20, 2025.



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Chair Chelsea Reed, Palm Beach Gardens Mayor

**EXHIBIT A**

Transportation Planning Agency Governing Board

<b>Representative Alternate(s) Local Government</b>	<b>Jan '24</b>	<b>Feb '24</b>	<b>Mar '24</b>	<b>Apr '24</b>	<b>May '24</b>	<b>Jun '24</b>	<b>Jul '24</b>	<b>Aug '24</b>	<b>Sep '24</b>	<b>Oct '24</b>	<b>Nov '24</b>	<b>Dec '24</b>	
Chelsea Reed, Mayor CHAIR Marcie Tinsley, Councilmember City of Palm Beach Gardens	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	P	P	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	P	NO MEETING HELD – SCHEDULED BREAK	P	
Maria Marino, Vice Mayor VICE CHAIR – District 1 Palm Beach County		E	P	P	P	P	P		E	P		P	
Steve Wilson, Mayor City of Belle Glade		P	P	A	A	P	P		A	P		P	
Yvette Drucker, Deputy Mayor City of Boca Raton		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	
Fran Nachlas, Council Member Scott Singer, Mayor Andy Thomson, Council Member Marc Widger, Council Member City of Boca Raton		P	P	P	P	P	P		ALT	P		P	P
Angela Cruz, Commissioner Aimee Kelly, Vice Mayor City of Boynton Beach		E	P	P	ALT	P	P		P	P		E	E
Rob Long, Deputy Vice-Mayor Thomas Markert, Commissioner City of Delray Beach		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	E
Chuck Shaw, Mayor Judith Dugo, Deputy Mayor City of Greenacres		P	P	P	E	P	P		P	A		A	P
Jim Kuretski, Mayor Ron Delaney, Councilor Town of Jupiter		P	P	E	P	E	P		P	P		P	P
Reinaldo Diaz, Commissioner Christopher McVoy, Commissioner City of Lake Worth Beach		P	A	P	P	P	P		ALT	P		P	A
Joni Brinkman, Commissioner Village of Palm Springs		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		E	P
Joel Flores, Commissioner – District 3 Palm Beach County		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	P
Sara Baxter, Commissioner – District 6 Palm Beach County		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	P
Gregg Weiss, Commissioner – District 2 Palm Beach County		P	P	P	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		E	P	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	P		P
Glen Spiritis, Council Member Tradrick McCoy, Chairperson Pro-Tem City of Riviera Beach		P	P	A	P	P	P		P	P		P
Jeff Hmara, Vice Mayor Richard Valuntas, Councilman Village of Royal Palm Beach		ALT	P	E	P	P	P		ALT	E		P
Michael Napoleone, Mayor John McGovern, Councilman Village of Wellington		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P
Christy Fox, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P
Joseph Peduzzi, Commissioner Shalonda Warren, Commissioner Christina Lambert, Commissioner City of West Palm Beach		P	P	Alt	P	P	P		P	ALT		ALT

Attendance Record

\*\* New Appointment    P - Representative Present    ALT- Alternate Present    E - Excused    A - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Valerie Neilson  
Andrew Uhlir  
Brian Ruscher  
Melissa Eble  
Ruth Del Pino  
Jessica Vargas Astaiza  
Stewart Robertson  
Steve Braun  
Jessica Rubio  
Pia Skoran  
William Durks  
Ben Brown  
Nina Corning  
Scott Peterson

REPRESENTING

Palm Beach TPA  
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Palm Beach TPA  
SFRTA  
Kimley-Horn Associates  
FDOT  
FDOT  
General Public  
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