

**Climate Change Task Force Meeting  
Friday, August 19, 2022  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**In person / virtual meeting**

**Summary Minutes**

Members Present

Co-chair: Commissioner Furr  
Co-chair: Commissioner Rich  
Barmann, Adriene  
Bush, Lois  
Carballo, Isabel Cosio  
Carbon, Albert  
Etessam, Shahin  
Gottlieb, Lee  
Kaltman, Adrienne  
Kornahrens, Rob  
Levinson, Laurie Rich  
Maran, Carolina  
McCall, Morgan  
Polsky, Colin  
Shuham, Caryl  
Commissioner Welch

Members Absent

Grosvenor, Sheri Brown  
Vialpando, Lenny

- I. Welcome**  
Commissioner Furr and Senator Rich welcomed the members of the task force.
- II. Call to Order**  
Commissioner Furr called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
- III. Roll Call**  
Roll was called. Fifteen members were present, and two were absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2021**  
A motion was made, seconded, and voted in favor of accepting the minutes of the May 20, 2022 meeting.\*
- V. Announcements**
  - a. There are two resignations, George Cavros an at-large seat and Chris Rotolo in

the category of 100,000 sq. ft. or larger facility manager. In addition vacancies exist in the governing board member SFWMD, Hospital District, Financial Institution, BSO and USGS. League of cities still has an opening for a city commissioner from a western Broward community. League of Cities makes this appointment, and this has been discussed with staff. Alternates from central and western communities remain vacant as well.

- b. To note for members, the excused absence policy is very strict with almost no excused absence waivers. There is interest in revising the policy at some point to account for additional extenuating circumstances.
- c. Task Force would like staff to review those positions that have been difficult to fill and work with the Boards Section of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to consider replacement categories such as Museum of Discovery and Science. A proposed amendment to the Administrative Code and Code of Ordinances would be required.
- d. George Cavros recognition and thank you, as an original member of the Task Force.

## **Presentations and Discussion Items**

### **a. Using Climate Art to Engage and Educate Broward County Residents**

- a. Artist Xavier Cortada and Adam Roberti, executive director of the Xavier Cortada Foundation, presenting.
- b. Xavier spoke of the transformative power of art to educate, inform and engage the public, showcasing some of the award-winning projects that illustrate climate issues facing us in south Florida.
- c. Adam described some of the community projects that have been done in surrounding Counties and that they are hopeful to create projects here in Broward.
- d. Task Force members are in favor of incorporating projects for students and community here in Broward County.
- e. Motion to support the Xavier Cortada Foundation in a pilot project here in Broward was passed unanimously.

### **b. FPL Achieving Real Zero**

- a. Lauren Sher, FPL Director of Sustainability and Environmental Policy, presenting
- b. Real zero is a 10-15 year work project for FPL, zero carbon emissions by 2045 at zero incremental cost to customers.
- c. FPL fuel mix has transitioned the coal/oil sector to natural gas in FL plants.
- d. Second pillar of real zero goal is increased EV charging capability.
- e. Five-year checkpoints have been established to hold FPL accountable and customers informed via the yearly reports to the Carbon Disclosure Project.
- f. Solar, battery storage and green hydrogen are important components of reaching these milestones, which remain challenging but necessary for a more sustainable energy future.

**c. Broward Sustainability Update**

- a. Vanessa Balta, Natural Resources Division, Water Resources Manager
- b. Broward Solar Co-op 2022 is now open for interested parties
- c. PACE, SELF, as financing options for energy efficiency & hurricane protection
- d. Broward County Public School/Broward County Environmental Partnership Agreement provides many varied programs and resources for students, teachers, school facilities and school staff.
- e. Broward Water Partnership, toilet rebates & water efficiency kits to partner communities and assistance with evaluating irrigation improvements.
- f. Sustainability stewards, recent workshop focused on heat in a changing climate. County staff presented on the heat data and heat storymap that is part of the Broward Climate website.

**d. Broward County Resiliency Update**

- a. Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer presented Resiliency Updates
- b. Resilience branding, a new logo is being proposed pending approval
- c. Resilience Plan Progress, steering committee meetings w/consulting team
- d. Improved Resilience communications and newsletter
- e. Regional Climate Compact activities, Regional Climate Action Plan 3.0
- f. Compact summit, Dec 8-9, 2022 registration is open

**e. Legislative update, federal perspective on recently passed legislation**

- a. Jason Liechty, Senior Environmental Project Coordinator presenting
- b. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; rail, public transit, water infrastructure, resilience, EV charging among some features
- c. CHIPS and Science Act; research investment and energy initiatives included
- d. Inflation Reduction Act; investment tax credits, consumer tax credits, clean energy and energy efficiency rebates, green banks, community investment

**Adjourned at 3:56 PM.**

**Next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.**