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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

FROM: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

RE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AGENDA

The Legislative Policy Committee will hold a **VIRTUAL ONLY** meeting via Zoom, on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/86306936950>

Meeting ID: 863 0693 6950



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

**(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)
(*Denotes Action Required)**

TAB

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call – Chair Martin
2. Invitation to Speak – Chair Martin
Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to speak on any item brought before the Council and will be recognized during public comments.
3. 2026 Legislative Priorities Discussion – Ms. Payne 1
 - Regional Priorities Solicitation
 - Timeline
 - Layout/Design
 - 2026 Regular Session Dates
4. Public Comment – LIMITED TO **3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER**
5. Next Meeting Date and Location: **TBD**
6. Adjournment

***Denotes Action Item**



Agenda Item

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RE: 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Legislative Policy Committee will review the priorities received and determine the 2026 Legislative Priorities for Northeast Florida. The Committee's recommendations will be presented at the October 2nd Board meeting for approval.



From: Payne, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 1:22 PM
To: Payne, Elizabeth <epayne@nefrc.org>
Subject: Northeast Florida Legislative Priorities for 2026 Session

Good afternoon,

As NEFRC does each year, we are requesting your County/City Legislative Priorities to include with and help determine the Regional Legislative Priorities for the upcoming 2026 Legislative Session, which begins in January. Our Legislative Committee, made up of NEFRC Board Members, will review the priorities submitted, aggregate and determine the top priorities that impact the Region. Many issues-of-the-day call for a collective regional approach as the most effective way to address, respond and resolve the issues that are most important to our Region.

The NEFRC Legislative Committee will determine the top “regional priorities” that represent the most critical concerns of the Northeast Florida Region and present them to the NEFRC Board of Directors in October. Once finalized, the Council’s Legislative Priorities will be distributed to our Board of Director’s and Member local governments. Additionally, the Priorities will be provided to the various Legislative Delegations for their consideration and actions. It is only through your input and participation that we can truly know what matters most to the citizens and constituents of our Region.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to direct them to me at epayne@nefrc.org or (904) 233-0423. **We would like to receive this information by Wednesday, September 24th, but would gladly take it earlier.**

Thanks for your participation in this effort. Feel free to forward this email to any I have missed.

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2026 Legislative Priorities

Proposed Timeline

- September 24, 2025 – Priorities due from counties
- September 25, 2025
 - Review priorities received
 - Review design options/styles from 2025
 - Approval of Design option & draft by the Legislative Committee
- October 2, 2025 – Approval of draft by the Board
 - Out to print following approval
- November - Distribution
- January 13, 2026 – Legislative Session begins



2026 REGULAR SESSION DATES

August 1, 2025	Deadline for filing claim bills (Senate Rule 4.81(2))
November 21, 2025	5:00 p.m. — All requests for drafts of general bills, memorials, and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills must be submitted
January 9, 2026	5:00 p.m. — All drafts of general bills, memorials, and joint resolutions, including drafts for companion bills, must be approved to file in final form
January 13, 2026	Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Senate Rule 3.7(1))
February 28, 2026	Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Senate Rule 6.4(4)) All bills are immediately certified (Senate Rule 6.8)
March 3, 2026	50 th day – Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Senate Rule 2.9(2))
March 13, 2026	60 th day – Last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)