

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee March 6, 2025

MINUTES

A hybrid meeting of the Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 9:08 a.m. Chair Register called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Members:

James Bennett, Ken Amaro, Andy Dance, John Martin, and Darryl Register

Excused:

Betsy Condon, Clay Murphy, and Jim Renninger

Other Board Members: Krista Joseph, Michael Griffis, and Charles Gambaro

Staff:

Elizabeth Payne, Donna Starling, Eric Anderson, Tyler Nolen and Sheron Forde

Invitation to Speak

Chair Register announced that the public is welcome to speak on any item brought before the Committee.

*Approval of Minutes

Chair Register called for a motion on the February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Amaro moved approval of the February 6, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Motion carried.

*January 2024 Financial Report

Ms. Starling presented the January 2025 Financial Report reflecting a net income of \$9,145 for the month of January, with a year-to-date income of \$19,381. A brief discussion followed.

Chair Register called for a motion on the January 2025 Financial Report. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the January 2025 Financial Report; seconded by Councilmember Amaro. Motion carried.

*Reserves Transfer

Ms. Starling reminded the Members that, with the passing of the Audit, the Committee is to review and approve funds to be transferred to reserves based on the Council's audited net income from the fiscal year 2023/2024, which was \$88,896. The Committee is asked to consider transferring between 15 – 20 percent to reserves. It is staff's recommendation to transfer 20 percent or \$17,779. A brief discussion followed.

Chair Register called for a motion. Councilmember Amaro moved to transfer twenty percent of the FY 2023/2024 audited income, \$17,779, into Council reserves; seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dance arrived at 9:22am

New Items:

In Region Hotel

Ms. Payne requested approval to obtain hotel accommodations while attending a conference within the Region. A brief discussion followed on the merits, and by a consensus of the Committee, the request was approved.

Legislative Session

Ms. Payne informed the Committee of the introduction of HB 1125 / SB 1264; both include the removal of Regional Councils from State Statute. She stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association's Lobbyist will be watching it closely. A discussion followed.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Darryl Register

Chair

Elizabeth Payne

Chief Executive Officer