



# NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee

May 7, 2026

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## MINUTES

A hybrid meeting of the Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Chair Condon called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Members: Ken Amaro, Jimmy Anderson, Betsy Condon, Andy Dance, Larry Harvey, Jim Renninger and Christian Whitehurst

Excused: John Martin

Guests: John Nooney

Staff: Elizabeth Payne, Eric Anderson, Donna Starling, Leigh Wilsey, Jennifer Bryla, Tyler Nolen, Kenajawa Woody and Sheron Forde

### \*Approval of Minutes

**Chair Condon called for a motion on the meeting minutes. Commissioner Harvey motioned to approve the March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilmember Amaro. Motion carried.**

### \*February 2026 Financial Report

Ms. Starling presented the February 2026 Financial Report reflecting a net income of \$3,181 for the month, with a year-to-date net income of \$49,492. A brief discussion followed.

**Chair Condon called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey motioned to approve the February 2026 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried.**

### \*March 2026 Financial Report

Ms. Starling presented the March 2026 Financial Report reflecting a net loss of \$7,480, due to having three payrolls in the month, and a year-to-date net income of \$42,012.

Additional discussion took place regarding additional items that could be added to the financial reports. Ms. Payne stated that staff will work to make a few additions to the finance report to address those concerns.

**Chair Condon called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey motioned to approve the March 2026 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried.**

### \*RFQ: Pediatric Restraints

Ms. Wilsey provided an overview of the Healthcare Coalition (HCC) program, which serves 18 counties in north Florida and has allocated funding to complete regional projects that address mitigation strategies identified in the regional healthcare vulnerability assessment. The HCC

program previously provided pediatric restraints to emergency responders in 2023. With additional remaining funding, the HCC would like to provide more of these restraints where needed. Staff issued a request for quotes and received two responses: Ferno and Henry Shein. Based on the pricing, staff selected the best price from each vendor and request approval to purchase: 89 PediMate+ restraints in the amount of \$33,108 and 17 NeoMate restraints in the amount of \$6,324 from Henry Shein; and 37 KangooFix restraints in the amount of \$23,726 from Ferno. A brief discussion followed.

**Chair Condon called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey motioned to approve the purchase of 89 PediMate+ and 17 NeoMate restraints in the amount of \$6,324 from Henry Shein; and 37 KangooFix restraints in the amount of \$23,726 from Ferno or a total expense of \$63,158; seconded by Councilmember Amaro. Motion carried.**

FY 26-27 Benefits Review Discussion

Ms. Payne informed the Members of the Duval DOGE Special Committee's discussion regarding outside agencies, i.e. the Regional Council, receiving employee benefits through the City of Jacksonville. She shared with the Members that NEFRC's staff have received benefits coverage (health, dental, vision, etc.) under the City's umbrella via an agreement signed in 1977. Ms. Payne clarified that the City does not pay for any of the Council's coverage, but that it is the NEFRC who pays the City for both the employee and Council's portion for the coverage. Discussion followed.

During discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the Council pursue other options for benefits should the City of Jacksonville decide to cancel the agreement allowing the NEFRC to continue benefits participation through them.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Nooney, 8356 Bascom Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216, addressed the Committee regarding several topics including City of Jacksonville parks projects.

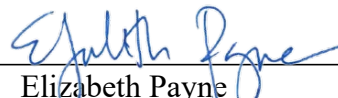
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



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Betsy Condon  
Chair



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Elizabeth Payne  
Chief Executive Officer