



# City of North Port

4970 City Hall Blvd  
North Port, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint Meeting

### **CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Barbara Langdon, Mayor**  
**Alice White, Vice Mayor**  
**Pete Emrich, Commissioner**  
**Debbie McDowell, Commissioner**  
**Phil Stokes, Commissioner**

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Jerome Fletcher, City Manager**  
**Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney**  
**Heather Faust, City Clerk**

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Friday, January 20, 2023

9:00 AM Suncoast Technical College Main Conference Center, 4748  
Beneva Road

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### **Convocation of Governments Interlocal Agreement for Public Schools Facility Planning**

#### **Elected Officials and Others Present**

The following officials were present: City of North Port Mayor Langdon, Vice Mayor White, Commissioner McDowell, City Manager Alfred Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Manager Jason Yarborough, Assistant City Manager Julie Bellia, Deputy Assistant City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney Katlyn Coughlin, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Morales; City of Venice Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Council Member Mitzie Fiedler, City Manager Ed Lavallee; City of Sarasota Chair Ron Cutsinger, Vice Mayor Liz Alpert, Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch, Commissioner Joe Neunder, Commissioner Mark Smith, Commissioner Nancy Detert, Commissioner Michael Moran, City Manager Marlon Brown, Deputy City Manager Pat Robinson, Commission Reporter James Johnson, Planning Director Steven Cover, City Auditor Clerk Shayla Griggs, Manager Long Range Planning David Smith; Town of Long Boat Key Mayor Ken Schneier, Commissioner Penny Gold, Commissioner Debbie Murphy, Town Manager Tom Harmer, Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb; School Board of Sarasota County Planner GIS Analyst Diane Cominotti, Vice Chair Karen Rose, Board Member Thomas Edwards, Board Member Timothy Enos, Board Member Robyn Marinelli, Chief Operating Officer Jody Dumas, Administrative Assistant Kathy Tomkins, Assistant to Superintendent Linda Termine, Attorney Patrick Duggan, Executive Director Ron Dipillo, Director of Construction Jane Dreger, Director of Facilities Don Hampton, Director of Communications Craig Maniglia, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, Board Records Supervisor Charlie Maloney, and Chief of Police Duane Oakes

#### **1. Welcome/Pledge/Introductions - Bridget Ziegler, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County**

Ms. Ziegler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions were made.

#### **2. Convocation Goals and Agenda - Bridget Ziegler, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County**

Ms. Ziegler reviewed the agenda and goals.

**3. Open to the Public - Citizen Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Update on SCSB Enrollment and Planning for the Future - Diane Cominotti and Amy Anderson, SCSB Planning Department**

Diane Cominotti, Planner/GIS Analyst and Amy Anderson, Planning Analyst, provided an update regarding the Sarasota County School Board enrollment and planning for the future.

**5. Hurricane Ian Recap/Debrief - Rich Collins, Sarasota County Emergency Management**

Rich Collins, Director of Emergency Services, provided an update regarding Hurricane Ian Recap/Debrief.

Discussion ensued regarding infrastructure, additional space, support and communication, partnerships, shelter capacities, time frame, and sharing resources.

**6. School Safety: Active Shooter - Chief Duane Oaks, SCSB, Chief of Police**

Duane Oaks, Chief of Police, provided an update regarding Active Shooter.

Discussion ensued regarding internal calls from the school, Code Red, communication with officers, Geofence app, school systems, lock down buttons, and drill frequencies.

**7. Safe Walkways to School - Spencer Anderson, Sarasota County Public Works Director**

Spencer Anderson, Sarasota County Public Works Director, provided an update regarding safe walkways to School.

Discussion ensued regarding Pine View School accident evaluations, process for accidents, crossing guards, and crosswalks.

**8. Town of Longboat Key - Tom Harmer, Town Manager**

Mr. Harmer provided an update on the Town support for School Board initiatives.

**9. City of North Port - A. Jerome Fletcher, City Manager**

Mr. Fletcher gave appreciation to the Boards, provided an update on Suncoast Technical College (STC) training programs, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, healthcare academy, school board leadership, community value, state involvement, partnerships, and internship program.

Discussion ensued regarding significant investments.

Mr. Fletcher continued on a new traffic light at North Port High School.

**10. City of Sarasota - Marlon Brown, City Manager**

Mr. Brown provided an update on Sarasota High School Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT), 4-6 tennis courts, student involvement on Advisory Boards, affordable

housing, and Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding MERT, student involvement on Advisory Boards, affordable housing, and collaborations.

#### **11. Sarasota County Government - Jonathan Lewis, Administrator**

Mr. Lewis provided an update on growth projections, initiatives, affordable housing, contracting social services, science opportunities on preserves and protected lands, schools off South River Road, and elected boards for collaborations.

#### **12. City of Venice - Ed Lavallee, City Manager**

Mr. Lavallee provided an update on City staff, 50/50 share of Performing Art Center, capital project development, regional fire training academy, capital resources, relationship with business partners, internships, continuity of education, technical college student, and professional development skills.

#### **13. Other Business - Bridget Ziegler, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County**

Mr. Ziegler gave appreciation for everyone's attendance.

#### **14. Adjournment - Bridget Ziegler, Chair, School Board of Sarasota County**

Ms. Ziegler adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Langdon, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2023.