

**NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 12, 2025**

**Host City:** Coconut Creek

**Meeting Location:** Coconut Creek Community Center  
1100 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor Jacqueline Railey	Coconut Creek
	Commissioner John A. Brodie	Coconut Creek
	Commissioner Sandra L. Welch	Coconut Creek
	Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips	Lauderdale Lakes
	Mayor Arlene Schwartz	Margate
	Commissioner Anthony Caggiano	Margate
	Commissioner Joanne Simone	Margate
	Mayor Samson Borgelin	North Lauderdale
	Vice Mayor Dee Lewis-Ricketts	North Lauderdale
	Mayor Rich Walker	Parkland
	Vice Mayor Jordan Isrow	Parkland
	Commissioner Simeon Brier	Parkland
	Commissioner Neil Kanterman	Parkland
	Commissioner Cindy Murphy-Salomone	Parkland
	Commissioner Latoya Clarke	Sunrise
	Vice Mayor Kicia Daniel	Tamarac
	City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn	Coconut Creek
	Deputy City Manager Scott Stoudenmire	Coconut Creek
	Government Affairs Manager Bernadette Hughes	Coconut Creek
	Administrative Coordinator Danielle Nowak	Coconut Creek
	State Representative’s Aide Linda Beauport	District 95
	Theresa Brier	Congressman Jared Moskowitz’s Office
	Intern Attilio Abara-Bodden	Congressman Jared Moskowitz’s Office
	Bob Mayersohn	Broward Legislative Delegation
	Candice Ericks	Ericks Consultants, Inc.
	Lauren Jackson	Ericks Consultants, Inc.
	Daniel Delagrance	Ericks Consultants, Inc.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Coconut Creek Mayor Jacqueline Railey called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 14, 2025 – Hosted by the City of Lauderhill**

Upon a motion by Lauderdale Lakes Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips, seconded by Margate Commissioner Anthony Caggiano, the April 14, 2025, meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**3. SPEAKERS – Ericks Consultants, Inc. – Legislative Update**

Mayor Railey introduced Coconut Creek's lobbying firm, Ericks Consultants, Inc. Lauren Jackson, Ericks Consultants, Inc., provided an overview of the State Legislative Session, advising that it had been officially extended on May 2 (Day 60) to June 6 based on an agreement regarding a tax cut package. She discussed tensions between the House and Senate, as well as with the Governor's office and stated the Senate had since backed out of the tax bill, leading to confusion as to the timeline and next steps. She stated significant debate remained on the budget and tax cuts, and noted the end of June was the last possible date to pass a budget and avoid a shutdown.

Ms. Jackson discussed the initial tax proposals and stated Representative Christine Hunschofsky was seeking feedback from the municipalities. She stated the initial proposal related to Homestead exemptions had been for a study to lead to a ballot proposal next session, but Governor Ron DeSantis was pushing for reduction or elimination of property taxes.

Ms. Jackson advised that all bills that were not in the budget or the Rural Renaissance package had been withdrawn from further consideration if they did not pass on Day 60. She reviewed legislation that had not passed, including bills related to Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA), sovereign immunity, and deregulation. She stated she expected to see CRA legislation come up again in the new session. She added that E911 consolidation was stripped out of its bill early on a concession, but the sponsors were committed to bringing it back, and the waste-to-energy facility bill also did not pass.

Ms. Jackson reviewed several bills that passed, including:

- Condo Relief Package;
- Boater Freedom Act;
- Citizens' Initiative Process changes;
- Live Local 3.0;
- Certified Recovery Residences; and
- Utility relocation.

Ms. Jackson encouraged the local officials present to look at the analysis included in the emergency management package in detail, as there was a lot in the bill dealing with local governments. She highlighted local government land regulation and construction regulations, including a preemption on synthetic turf and provision to approve or deny change orders within thirty-five (35) days. She noted land development regulations related to charters schools had been removed from a failed bill and added to a successful education package. She discussed additional bills that passed, including:

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) package;
- Industry Transportation Package (safety regulations); and
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Package (preempts local governments from putting fluoride in the water system).

Ms. Jackson reviewed tax legislation that failed, as the issues remained on the table going into the extended session on the budget, including:

- Long Term Leases;
- Local Option Taxes; and

- Reduction of Business Rent Tax.

Discussion ensued regarding DOGE, condominium reform, and the details of legislation reviewed.

Bob Mayersohn, Executive Director, Broward Legislative Delegation, shared that the Select Committee on Property Taxes would be meeting the following day. Ms. Jackson reviewed the list of members on the committee.

Candice Ericks, Ericks Consultants, Inc., commented on the level of disruption and infighting in Tallahassee and stated the House would be convening the following day to extend the session, and noting staff would be working hard to move things forward as quickly as possible.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Attendees made brief self-introductions and announcements.

Mayor Railey announced the next meeting would be hosted by the City of Sunrise on June 9, 2025.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Railey adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.



Joseph J. Kavanagh, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Coconut Creek