

Florida Communities Trust Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM (ET)

Location: Department of Environmental Protection
CARR Building, Conference Room Number 170
3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399

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ITEM 1: Opening

- A. Roll Call/Establish Quorum**
- B. Call to Order**

ITEM 2: Announcements

ITEM 3: Consider the August 14, 2024, Meeting Summary

ITEM 4: Staff Reports

- A. Introduction of new FCT staff**
- B. Annual Report Presentation to Board Members**

ITEM 5: Process for Parks and Open Space Ranking and Selection

ITEM 6: Presentations by Representatives from each of the three Regions to highlight completed FCT project sites

ITEM 7: Presentations/Acknowledgements/Closing Comments

Adjourn

ITEM 1: Opening

- A. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- B. Call to Order

The Chair of the FCT Governing Board will begin the meeting with a Call to Order. Members of the Board will participate in a roll call. FCT Staff and other Division of State Lands personnel will be acknowledged for their presence in attendance and participation in the day's meeting.

FCT Board Members:

Deborah Denys (Former elected official of a county government)

Frank Mingo (Former elected official of a metropolitan municipal government)

Noah Valenstein (Representative of a nonprofit organization)

Mara Gambineri (Chair, FCT Governing Board)

ITEM 2: Announcements

The Chair of the FCT Governing Board will ask for any announcements to be made by Board members. The OMC Manager for Land and Recreation Grants Section will announce meeting instructions and instructions for public comment.

This meeting will conclude the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Florida Communities Trust. We will recognize former colleagues and honored grant recipients.

ITEM 3: Consider the August 14, 2024, Meeting Summary

The Governing Board will vote on the August 14, 2024, Meeting Summary.

Staff recommendation:

Approve the August 14, 2024, Meeting Summary.

FCT Governing Board ACTION: Motion and Vote

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____



- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**
- DEFER**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:**

ITEM 4: Staff Reports

- A. Introduction of new FCT staff members
 - a. Lucia Cortez, Planner for Region II
 - b. LaCheryl Scurry, Administrative Support
- B. Annual Report Presentation to Board Members
 - a. [FCT 2023-2024 Annual Report](#)

ITEM 5: Process for Parks and Open Space Ranking and Selection

Staff will review the grant application timeline, evaluation process and final Governing Board approval.



FY 2024-2025 Application Timeline



FCT Governing Board Review

- FCT Ranking & Selection Board Meeting, **May 14, 2025**
- Public meeting, in-person or virtual attendance
- Review and rule on application objections
- Review and approve project scores – applicant presentation and public comment
- Discretion to modify staff score
- Approve a Preliminary Ranked Project Priority List
- Final Approval and funding of projects

ITEM 6: Presentations by Representatives from each of the three Regions to highlight completed FCT project sites

1. Region 1 – Wakulla County
Sommer Pell
Assist County Administrator of Community Development
Wakulla County

2. Region 2 – Hillsborough County
Jan Kirwan
Conservation Parks Coordinator
Hillsborough County

3. Region 3 – Palm Beach County
Deborah Drum
Director, Dept. Of Environmental Resources Management
Palm Beach County

ITEM 7: Presentations/Acknowledgements/Closing Comments

Staff will make presentations and acknowledgements.
The Governing Board will share closing comments.

Adjourn