

# Florida Communities Trust Quarterly Meeting Agenda

**Date:** May 6, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Department of Environmental Protection  
Douglas Building, Conference Room Number 137  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Virtual:** Go-To-Webinar Link:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7221503755744425312>  
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**ITEM 1: Opening**

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

**ITEM 2: Announcements**

**ITEM 3: Staff Reports**

- A. FCT #24-001-FF25 – Edmondson Farm Curry Creek Preserve
- B. FCT #24-002-FF25 – Indian River Land Trust/ Toni Robinson Extension
- C. FCT #24-003-FF25 – Triple Creek Greenway Phase III
- D. FCT #24-004-FF25 – Homestead SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Land Acquisition
- E. FCT #24-005-FF25 – Bal Harbour
- F. FCT #24-006-FF25 – Sebastian Waterfront Park Expansion
- G. FCT #24-007-FF25 – Carroll / Thacker Park Property
- H. FCT #24-008-FF25 – Sports Complex Expansion
- I. FCT #24-009-FF25 – Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve/ Doan Tract
- J. FCT #24-010-FF25 – City of Apopka Land Acquisition
- K. FCT #24-011-FF25 – Old Highway 50 Park and Trailhead
- L. FCT #24-012-FF25 – Ravenswood Park Addition Land Acquisition

**ITEM 4: Consider the February 12, 2025, Meeting Summary**

**ITEM 5: Final approval of the 2025 FCT Parks and Open Space Priority Ranking List**

**ITEM 6: 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)

Bryan Bradner (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.

### **Guiding Principles for The Meeting**

**Meeting Parameters** –To ensure that the Ranking and Selection meeting is conducted in a manner that is fair to all applicants, the following parameters have been set for all presentations:

**Review of FF24 Applications** – Applications will be reviewed in project number order for eligible projects, then by withdrawn projects. Review is subject to changes in sequence at the discretion of the Governing Board.

**Trust Staff Presentations** – Staff will introduce the project name, project number and applicant agency. We will present recommended scores for each project application and mention whether the applicant submitted objections to the preliminary project score.

**Applicant Objections to Point Score** – Applicants who have raised objections have the option of presenting those objections to the Board at this meeting. Each applicant has up to five (5) minutes to address any unresolved issues or objections to Staff recommended scores. (Trust Staff will notify the presenter and the Chair with time warnings). It is important to note that not all applicants who raised objections intend to present those to the Board. Applicants may disagree with our decision on their objection; however, they may elect not to pursue Board action.

**Governing Board discussion** – The Board may ask additional questions of applicants and Staff.

**Scoring Consideration** – The Board will vote to either uphold Staff recommendations or to accept applicant objection information for the awarding of additional points.

**Applicant Project Excellence Presentation** – Each applicant is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to present their project to the Board. (Trust Staff will give presenters and Chair time warnings). Applicant comments should only address requests for the awarding of additional Project Excellence points.

**Governing Board Discussion** – The Board may ask additional questions of applicants and Trust Staff.

**Scoring Consideration** – The Board will make the final applicant score determination, including the awarding of project excellence points, if any. The Board will clearly state the basis for the awarding of project excellence points.

**Calculation of Scores** – Applicant scores will be calculated, and the preliminary ranking will be created in descending point order. In the event of a tie score, Rule 62-818.008(2)(d) establishes a four-step tie breaking procedure. FCT will apply each of these steps, in order, until the tie is broken.

- Score received in the Community Planning Section.
- Score received in the Outdoor Recreation Section.
- Score received in the General Standards Section.
- The order in which the applications were received.

**Selection for Funding** – The Board will make a preliminary determination of which applications will be funded for the FF24 Grant Cycle.

**Final Priority List** – The final priority list as approved by the board at this meeting will be published on the FCT website following the meeting.

**Public Comment** – the Board will receive public comment and adjourn as all business has been concluded.

**ITEM 3: Staff Reports**

<b>Project#</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>
24-001-FF25	Edmondson Farm Curry Creek Preserve Acquisition and Enhancement Project	Sarasota County
24-002-FF25	Indian River Land Trust/ Toni Robinson Extension Property	Indian River Land Trust
24-003-FF25	Triple Creek Greenway Phase Three	Hillsborough County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
24-004-FF25	Homestead S.W. 8th Avenue Land Acquisition	Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency
24-005-FF25	Bal Harbour	City of Fort Lauderdale
24-006-FF25	Sebastian Waterfront Park Expansion	City of Sebastian
24-007-FF25	Carroll/Thacker Park Property	City of Kissimmee
24-008-FF25	Sports Complex Expansion	VISIT SEBRING - Highlands County
24-009-FF25	Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve Doan Tract	County of Volusia
24-010-FF25	City of Apopka Land Acquisition in Wekiva-Ocala Greenway	City of Apopka
24-011-FF25	Old Highway 50 Park & Trailhead	City of Clermont
24-012-FF25	Ravenswood Park Addition Land Acquisition	City of St. Augustine

**ITEM 4: Consider the February 12, 2025, Meeting Summary**

The Governing Board will vote on the February 12, 2025, Meeting Summary.

**Staff recommendation:**

Approve the February 12, 2025, Meeting Summary.

**FCT Governing Board ACTION: Motion and Vote**

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ITEM 5: Board to Approve the Final 2025 FCT Parks and Open Space Priority Ranking List**

The Governing Board will vote on the final 2025 FCT Parks and Open Space Priority Ranking List.

**Staff recommendation:**

Approve the final 2025 FCT Parks and Open Space Priority Ranking List

**FCT Governing Board ACTION:** Motion and Vote

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ITEM 6: Closing Comments**

The Governing Board will hear closing comments from Board members.

Adjourn