



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-093

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: June 18, 2025

**SUBJECT: Communication from the Budget Advisory Board on its
Recommendations on the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget**

On June 11, 2025, the Budget Advisory Board (BAB) held its regular June meeting to discuss the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget. The meeting took place just hours before the publication of the City Commission's June 17, 2025 agenda, and therefore, this communication was not included in the published Communications to the City Commission. However, the BAB had a robust discussion, and City staff is providing this summary to formally convey the BAB's recommendations, as discussed further during the June 17, 2025 joint meeting of the City Commission and BAB.

Communications to the City Commission

Motion made by Ross Cammarata, seconded by Ms. Bowker, to inform the City Commission that the BAB is in favor of establishing an Emergency Reserve Fund, provided there are guidelines for funding and spending. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Melinda Bowker, seconded by Ms. Giles-Smith, to inform the City Commission that the BAB supports the City Manager's recommendation that a Fire Assessment Fee increase of \$75 (to full-cost recovery) be included in the budget. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Desorae Giles-Smith, seconded by Ms. Bowker, to inform the City Commission that the BAB supports the City Manager's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate. Motion passed 6-0.

Please contact Yvette W. Matthews, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget at y Matthews@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-6103 with any questions or concerns.

Attachment: Budget Advisory Board – June 11, 2025 Attendance and Motion Vote Summary

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors



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BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
June 11, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
101 NE 3rd Avenue, Tower 101,
11th Floor Conference Room,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Board Member	Attendance	10/2024 through 9/2025 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
William Brown, Chair	P	7	0
Melissa Milroy, Vice Chair	A	6	1
Norbert Belz	P	6	1
Melinda Bowker	P	6	0
Olivier Cale [via Zoom]	P	4	2
Ross Cammarata	P	5	2
Rich DeGirolamo	P	6	1
Desorae Giles-Smith	P	3	0
Mildred Lowe	A	4	3
Prabhuling Patel	A	4	3

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Motion made by Mr. Cammarata, seconded by Ms. Bowker, to inform the City Commission that the BAB is in favor of establishing an Emergency Reserve Fund, provided there are guidelines for funding and spending. Motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Cale unavailable.

Motion made by Ms. Bowker, seconded by Ms. Giles-Smith, to inform the City Commission that the BAB supports the City Manager's recommendation that the Fire Assessment Fee increase of \$75 be included in the budget. Motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Cale unavailable.

Motion made by Ms. Giles-Smith, seconded by Ms. Bowker, to inform the City Commission that the BAB supports the City Manager's recommendation to maintain the millage rate. Motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Cale unavailable.