



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**Tower 101, Suite 1100**

**101 NE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

**December 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>					
<b>1/2025 through 12/2025</b>					
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Appt by</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
1	Robert Daoust	II	A	7	3
2	Kelly Charles	IV	P	10	0
3	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	10	0
4	Suzee Bailey	C	P	9	1
5	Spencer Lasday, Vice Chair (arr. 6:06)	IV	P	6	1
6	Vacant	III	-	-	-
7	Nicole Barnett	M	P	9	1
8	Sara Rahmankhah	IV	P	7	0
9	Idan Straus	M	P	3	0
10	Vacant	III	-	-	-
11	Vacant	II	-	-	-
12	Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti, Non-Voting Youth Chair	C	P	7	3

\*attending via Zoom

**Staff Present**

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager  
Silvia Duque Anez, Sustainability Coordinator  
Talula Thibault, Sustainability Analyst  
K. Cruitt, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to the City Commission**

None.

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**I. December 17, 2025**

**Motion** made by Ms. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Strauss, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**III. Liaison Report**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual South Florida Sustainability Summit**

Ms. Thibault reported that this was a successful event.

- **Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP)**

The Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP) was presented to the City Commission on November 19, 2025 as was the related communication to the Commission sent by the Board in favor of the UFMP. The City Commission appeared to be in favor of adopting the UFMP. The next step will be a Resolution sent to the Commission at their January 6, 2026 meeting, at which time the Commission will vote on adoption of the Plan.

- **Biannual Liaison Training**

Ms. Thibault continued that she and other advisory entity liaisons underwent this training at the City Clerk's Office. She reminded all present of Florida's Sunshine Law, which prohibits two-way communication between board or committee members. This prohibition includes comments on social media posts, including posts on outlets such as LinkedIn. Emails may be sent to fellow members, but replies to those emails are not permitted.

Mr. Lasday arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Ms. Thibault concluded that communications discussing Board business are prohibited outside of noticed Board meetings.

Mr. Hadwen added that all public participation during Board meetings must be recognized through the Chair. Board members should be allowed to discuss issues first, followed by comments from members of the public as they are recognized.

Ms. Thibault noted that remote participation in meetings is only permitted under specific circumstances including the following:

- Local states of emergency;
- Physical disability, illness, or medical treatment;
- Matters related to death or illness in a member's family;
- Member is outside Broward County for business or vacation; and
- Deployment by the military.

Remote attendance should be requested at least four days in advance of the meeting, whenever possible, so that preparations may be made by Staff.

- **New Liaison**

Mr. Hadwen noted that Ms. Thibault will be leaving the City. Sustainability Coordinator Silvia Duque Anez will serve as Board Liaison until Ms. Thibault's position can be filled.

- **Goodbye to Nicole**

Ms. Barnett advised that tonight's meeting will be her last, as she is moving from the City. She thanked the other members for the opportunity to serve with them.

#### **IV. Presentations**

None.

#### **V. New Business**

- **Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

**Motion** made by Ms. Charles, seconded by Mr. Lasday, to nominate David [Blattner]. In a voice vote, Chair Blattner was unanimously reelected.

**Motion** made by Mr. Straus, seconded by Ms. Charles, to nominate Spencer [Lasday]. In a voice vote, Mr. Lasday was elected as Vice Chair.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- **Sustainability Advisory Committee Coalition (SACC)**

Vice Chair Lasday recommended that each Board member attend at least one Sustainability Advisory Committee Coalition (SACC) meeting. He noted that some smaller cities are taking actions which could be adopted by Fort Lauderdale. The SACC meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Its next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- **Sustainability Advisory Board Topics for 2026**

Ms. Thibault advised that themes for 2026 will include sustainability, the UFMP, and resiliency. The following topics were proposed for each month:

- January: single-use plastics
- February: prioritizing the UFMP's recommendations
- March: presentation on tree equity scores

- April: mangroves and waterline forestry
- May: private resilience, including flood insurance
- June: community rating system (CRS) and low-impact development
- July: summer break
- August: sustainable tourism
- September: Net Zero Plan updates, electric vehicle (EV) charger installation, and solar energy
- October: Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) incentives to encourage mixed-use development and urban infill
- November: transportation and public transportation
- December: public utilities

**Motion** made by Ms. Bailey that we, as a group, move forward with banning any more plastic grass going in our public parks.

Mr. Hadwen suggested that if the Board wished to consider recommending a ban on plastic grass in City parks, it may be best to have a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department present to discuss this issue in greater depth. Ms. Bailey stated that she strongly opposed the use of plastic grass in City facilities and wished to propose action. She concluded that this issue is related to the City's proposed Net Zero Plan.

Ms. Thibault confirmed that synthetic turf would be added to the discussion of plastics scheduled for January 2026.

[The **motion** was not seconded or voted upon.]

The Board reviewed other possible topics for discussion in 2026, with Mr. Lasday proposing a broad conversation on waterways, including seawalls, infrastructure, dredging, marine life, and other related topics. Mr. Lasday's proposal was added to the month of April.

All recommendations made by the Board for the 2026 topics were included in the monthly topics below.

2026 SAB Monthly Topics		
Month	Topics	Potential Communications
<b>Theme 1: Sustainability</b>		
January	Single Use Plastics (Net Zero Plan Action 23); Synthetic turf	Single Use Plastics at City Events
<b>Theme 2: UFMP</b>		
February	Prioritization of UFMP Recommendations	
March	Tree Equity (tree canopy distribution, enhancement, preservation)	
April	Mangroves, waterline forestry, waterways, sea walls, sea life	Prioritized UFMP Recommendations
<b>Theme 3: Resiliency</b>		
May	Private Resilience	Strategies to improve CRS rating
June	Community Rating System and Low Impact Development (Design Construction Manual)	Low Impact Development
July	(Tentative Summer Break)	
August	Sustainable Tourism (Net Zero Plan Action 6)	Advancing sustainable tourism
<b>Theme 1: Sustainability (Continued)</b>		
September	Net Zero Plan updates, EV charger installations, solar energy	
October	ULDR Incentives to further encourage mixed use development and urban infill; Net Zero incentives in new development (Net Zero Plan Action 13)	Revisions to ULDR
November	TAM, public transportation (Net Zero Plan Action 12)	
December	Public Utilities: Smart Irrigation system, Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI), grey water, reuse water	

## VII. Proposed Communication

None.

## VIII. Comments

Ms. Thibault noted the following upcoming events:

- Broward County Social Resiliency Group social at Emily’s Garden on January 16, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tropical plant show at the Broward Convention Center from January 21-23, 2026

Mr. Hadwen added that the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact Summit is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2026. Members of City Staff plan to attend this event.

## IX. Items for Next Meeting

It was noted that the January 2026 meeting will address artificial turf, single-use plastics, and plastics on the beach.

All present thanked Ms. Thibault and Ms. Barnett for their activity on the Board.

## X. Adjournment

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There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]