



**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

301 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Meeting was also conducted virtually via Zoom.

*These minutes are a summary of the meeting events and may not reflect all discussion that occurred.
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1. REGULAR ITEMS

1.A. Call to Order and Roll Call

CHAIR DANG called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. and provided an overview of the meeting procedures.

The Recording Secretary called the roll, an in-person quorum was present as depicted in the table below.

Member	Roll Call	Member	Roll Call	Member	Roll Call
Ryan Rossi	P	Richard Vassalotti	A	Belle Glade - VACANT	-
Michael Fitzpatrick	P	Michael Carter	A	Greenacres - VACANT	-
Cheryl Schneider	A	Mark Forrest	A	Lake Worth Beach - VACANT	-
James Garvin	P	Vijay Mishra	P	Jim Knight	A
Marc Bruner	P	Francisco Gil	A	Riviera Beach - VACANT	-
Ramona Bean	A	Myron Uman	P	Albert Richwagen	P
Paula Ryan	P	Terry Brown	A	Uyen Dang	P
James Bonfiglio	A	Greg Fagan	P		

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1.B. Modifications to the Agenda

The Recording Secretary stated the following members requested permission to participate remotely: James Bonfiglio due to COVID-19 restrictions, Richard Vassalotti due to his childcare needs at home and Terry Brown due to the TPA not having a readily accessible handicap parking space in front of their office and a recent medical change.

There were no objections to their virtual participation and the members were permitted to join the meeting.

The Recording Secretary also requested that Item 2.A. and Item 2.B. be discussed in the opposite order with 2.B. being heard first and 2.A. second.

1.C. APPROVED Minutes for December 1, 2021

MOTION to approve the minutes made by Paula Ryan and seconded by Marc Bruner. A verbal vote was taken and carried unanimously 14-0 as depicted in the table below.

Ramona Bean joined the meeting in-person.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Ryan Rossi	Y	Richard Vassalotti	Y	Belle Glade - VACANT	A
Michael Fitzpatrick	Y	Michael Carter	A	Greenacres - VACANT	A
Cheryl Schneider	A	Mark Forrest	A	Lake Worth Beach - VACANT	A
James Garvin	Y	Vijay Mishra	Y	Jim Knight	A
Marc Bruner	Y	Francisco Gil	A	Riviera Beach - VACANT	A
Ramona Bean	Y	Myron Uman	Y	Albert Richwagen	Y
Paula Ryan	Y	Terry Brown	Y	Uyen Dang	Y
James Bonfiglio	Y	Greg Fagan	Y		

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1.D. General Public Comments and Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no general public comments received.

1.E. Comments from the Chair and Member Comments

JAMES GARVIN thanked the TPA for hosting an event for Palm Beach County (PBC) Leadership Focus.

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK provided an update on electric vehicles and indicated that his research will be shared with TPA staff shortly.

RICHARD VASSALOTTI asked for further clarification from the December Transit Development Plan (TDP) agenda item. TPA staff shared the TDP for Palm Tran did pass at the PBC Board of County Commissioners meeting in December. Additionally, the amount of capital funding needed for multimodal corridor study was not included in the online study. Finally, Richard stated he believed congestion on Okeechobee Blvd. will only be resolved by completing work on State Road (SR) 7.

PAULA RYAN clarified with TPA staff the SR 7 project was on hold.

CHAIR DANG requested time on the March Agenda to recap changes, presented by the National Committee of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, to traffic control devices. Additionally, she requested a future presentation on Brightline’s regional expansions.

RYAN ROSSI noted Brightline’s groundbreaking in the City of Boca Raton on January 25th.

1.F. CAC Liaison’s Report

JASON PRICE, TPA Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Coordinator, reviewed key items from the Liaison’s Report. The full report can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC.

There were no public comments on this item.

MYRON UMAN asked that members receive an additional notice of their outstanding media release forms.

JAMES RINEHART, TPA Transit Coordinator, addressed member comments made by Richard Vassalotti during discuss on item 1.E. James clarified that the funding gap over the ten-year TDP would be funded by the end of the ten-year timeframe. Additionally, James identified the potential funding source of a local transportation surtax to be utilized to complete projects set forth for the Okeechobee Corridor Study.

Mark Forrest joined the meeting in-person.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.A. RECOMMENDED ADOPTION of Amendment #3 to the TPA’s Fiscal Year (FY) 22-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

JASON PRICE, TPA TIP Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC. Jason stated the TIP is the TPA’s five-year funding program for transportation projects in Palm Beach County. The requested amendments included the following:

- Delete project - Indiantown Rd from US-1 to A1A (#4415721)
- Add new project - I-95 wrong way detection systems (#4495201)
- Add new projects with FTA 5310 Operating Assistance
 - Mae Volen Center – Operation funds for fixed route service (#4502781)
 - Mae Volen Center – Purchase vehicle (#4504521)
 - Mae Volen Center – Operating funds for fixed route service (#4504531)
 - Mae Volen Center – Operating funds for fixed route service (#4504751)
 - Mactown, Inc – Operating funds for fixed route service (#4504971)

There were no public comments on this item.

Member discussion ensued about grant procurement for smaller communities, Indiantown Road project fund redistribution, and Palm Tran Connection services in North Palm Beach County.

MOTION to approve Amendment #3 to the TPA’s FY 22-26 TIP made by Terry Brown, seconded by Paula Ryan, and carried unanimously 15-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Ryan Rossi	Y	Richard Vassalotti	Y	Belle Glade - VACANT	A
Michael Fitzpatrick	Y	Michael Carter	A	Greenacres - VACANT	A
Cheryl Schneider	A	Mark Forrest	Y	Lake Worth Beach - VACANT	A
James Garvin	Y	Vijay Mishra	Y	Jim Knight	A
Marc Bruner	Y	Francisco Gil	A	Riviera Beach - VACANT	A
Ramona Bean	Y	Myron Uman	Y	Albert Richwagen	Y
Paula Ryan	Y	Terry Brown	Y	Uyen Dang	Y
James Bonfiglio	Y	Greg Fagan	Y		

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2.B. RECOMMENDED ADOPTION of 2022 Safety Targets

ANDREW UHLIR provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC. Andrew shared a variety of safety metrics, such as travel times, transit safety, and transit asset management, that are required by FDOT. He displayed 2022 targets as recommended by the TPA and Palm Tran based on past trends and a commitment to Vision Zero.

Member discussion ensued about the attainability of Vision Zero, data collection and methodology, and the emphasis on engineering, education, and enforcement within Vision Zero.

There were no public comments on this item.

MOTION to adopt 2022 Safety Targets made by Ryan Rossi, seconded by James Garvin, and carried unanimously 15-0 as depicted in the table below.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Ryan Rossi	Y	Richard Vassalotti	Y	Belle Glade - VACANT	A
Michael Fitzpatrick	Y	Michael Carter	A	Greenacres - VACANT	A
Cheryl Schneider	A	Mark Forrest	Y	Lake Worth Beach - VACANT	A
James Garvin	Y	Vijay Mishra	Y	Jim Knight	A
Marc Bruner	Y	Francisco Gil	A	Riviera Beach - VACANT	A
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Paula Ryan	Y	Terry Brown	Y	Uyen Dang	Y
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3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.A. DISCUSSED: Performance Measures Dashboard

JASON PRICE provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC. Jason summarized highlights from the TPA’s 2021 Performance Measure Report Card, including the adoption of Federal measures and targets. He noted many performance measures were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, due to changes in traffic patterns. The full Report Card can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/PM.

There were no public comments on this item.

Member discussion ensued on the presented Report Card.

CHAIR DANG noted more local roads are in poor condition compared to the number of state roads in poor condition.

Myron Uman left the meeting.

3.B. DISCUSSED: Strategic Plan Action 6.B – Modify TPA Committees to Support TPA Initiatives

JASON PRICE provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC. Jason presented on changes to the TPA’s Operating Procedures to better reflect the population of Palm Beach County. The new membership structure would be comprised of 15 members. These members would reflect a broad cross-section of local residents – including, representation of minorities, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, and geographic representation from planning area boundaries.

There were no public comments on this item.

Member discussion ensued on the membership application process, prioritization of applications on a “first-come-first-serve” basis, and the value of institutional knowledge. Additionally, a formal member survey about changes to the committee’s structure was requested.

The Recording Secretary read a statement from Myron Uman, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Ryan Rossi, Vijay Mishra, Greg Fagan, and Paula Ryan left the meeting.

3.C. DISCUSSED: Florida Bicycle Month

VALERIE NEILSON, TPA Interim Executive Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be viewed at PalmBeachTPA.org/CAC. Valerie highlighted events that will occur in March for Florida Bicycle Month. She encouraged local municipalities to adopt a proclamation in celebration of Florida Bicycle Month to bring awareness and support for bicycling in their community. A calendar of bicycle month activities is available at WalkBikePalmBeach.org.

There were no public or member comments on this item.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4.A. Governing Board Summary Points – December 16, 2021

There was no discussion on this item.

4.B. FDOT Scheduling Report – February 2022

There was no discussion on this item.

4.C. Public Involvement Activity Report – November and December 2021

There was no discussion on this item.

4.D. 2022 TPA Meeting Dates

The Recording Secretary noted the 2022 meeting dates were adopted during the TPA Board's December meeting and any requested changes would need to go to them for approval. It was also noted that the October meeting was moved in observance of the affected Jewish holidays.

4.E. Next Meeting – March 2, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Chair, or a designated nominee of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and that information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the February 2, 2022, meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, dated this 2nd day of March 2022.

Uyen Dang
CAC Chair

EXHIBIT A
CAC Member Attendance Record

MEMBER Nominated by	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Nov '21	Dec '21	Jan '22	Feb '22
CHAIR UYEN DANG City of Boca Raton	P	P	P	P	E	No Meeting Held – Scheduled Break	-	P	No Meeting Held – Scheduled Break	P	No Meeting Held – Scheduled Break	P
VICE CHAIR ALBERT RICHWAGEN City of Delray Beach	P	P	E	P	P		P	P		P		P
VACANT City of Belle Glade	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-		-
RYAN ROSSI City of Boca Raton	P	P	P	E	P		P	P		P		P
MICHAEL FITZPATRICK City of Boynton Beach	P	P	E	A	E		P	P		P		P
VACANT City of Greenacres	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-		-
CHERYL SCHNEIDER Town of Jupiter	-	-	-	-	*P		P	P		E		E
VACANT City of Lake Worth Beach	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-		-
JAMES GARVIN City of Palm Beach Gardens	-	*P	P	P	P		P	P		P		P
MARC BRUNER Village of Palm Springs	P	P	P	P	E		P	P		P		P
RAMONA BEAN Palm Beach County – District 1	-	-	-	*P	P		P	P		P		P
PAULA RYAN Palm Beach County – District 2	-	*P	P	P	E		P	E		P		P
JIM KNIGHT Palm Beach County – District 4	P	P	P	E	-		-	-		*P		P
JAMES BONFIGLIO Palm Beach County – District 5	P	-	-	-	-		*P	P		P		P
RICHARD VASSALOTTI Palm Beach County – District 6	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P		P
MICHAEL CARTER Port of Palm Beach	-	-	-	*P	P		A	A		A		A
VACANT City of Riviera Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MARK FORREST Village of Royal Palm Beach	-	-	*E	E	P	P	E	P	P			
VIJAY MISHRA Village of Wellington	-	-	*P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
FRANCISCO GIL City of West Palm Beach	P	-	-	-	-	*P	P	E	E			
MYRON UMAN City of West Palm Beach	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P			
TERRY BROWN**	P	P	P	P	A	P	E	P	P			
GREG FAGAN**	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P			

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 *New Appointment - = Member not assigned **Nominated Prior to current Operating Procedures

EXHIBIT A (cont.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Valerie Neilson
Margarita Pierce
Jason Price
Cassidy Sparks
Andrew Uhler
Amanda Williams

REPRESENTING

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Exhibit B

Margie Pierce

From: Andrew Uhlir
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Margie Pierce
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to appointment of CAC members

From: MYRON UMAN <myronuman2@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 5:13 PM
To: Jason Price <JPrice@palmbeachtpa.org>; Andrew Uhlir <AUhlir@palmbeachtpa.org>
Subject: Proposed changes to appointment of CAC members

Friends,

As I suspect you can imagine, I am pleased with the proposal to change the procedures for appointing CAC members. When the current procedure was originally proposed, I opposed it as likely leading to political appointments, which has happened -- witness the number of former elected officials that board members have appointed. Because I feel strongly about this, I plan to offer a modification of the text toward the end of the paragraph that begins "**Each nomination shall be ...**", to wit:

"A CAC member cannot be an elected official or directly employed by an elected official **or a former elected official or a former employee of any governmental entity in Palm Beach County whose formal responsibility included any aspect of the transportation system.**"

I recognize this modification will look like a direct attack on current (and former) members who fall into these additional categories; I plan to preface my remarks to try to establish that my proposal is philosophical not personal and based on two things: (1) my experience enforcing the federal advisory committee act on matters of conflict of interest and perceptions of bias, and (2) my judgment that former elected officials and government transportation officers cannot reflect the perspectives of ordinary citizens because of their respective experience.

If you think it useful, please print out this modification for distribution to CAC members at the appropriate time.

(An aside: I have great respect for our current Chair for her former work, but having the former TAC chair now chair the CAC is absurd; we should never have gotten into this situation! We also have a former commissioner, maybe a former mayor, and we used to have a former commissioner, all of whom are handcuffed by the positions they took when serving in those capacities.)

The next issue that I hope to be able to raise is the extent to which TPA staff will be proactive in recruiting applicants and how that might be implemented -- or will merely publicly solicit applications. This question is not clear on the next to last slide.

My problem is with timing. This discussion is going to happen late in the session, which I have to leave around 3:00 p.m. to be able to participate in a Zoom call with FDOT on a couple of projects of personal interest. My fingers are crossed that I can get my oar in the water before I have to leave.

I must also report that I expect to be out of town for the June, July, and September meetings, and, if my wife has her 'druthers, October, too. The By-Laws may result in me being kicked off the committee for missing so many meetings. That'll give you additional leeway to reformulate the committee based on the new procedures.

With thanks for your understanding, Myron

Myron F. Uman, PhD

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