



FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Date: June 15, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Tampa International Airport – SkyCenter|One, Tampa, Florida

1. Call to Order

- **Roll call and Commissioner Introductions – Ron Howse, Chairman**
 - Chairman Howse called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.
 - In attendance was Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman David Genson, Commissioners John Browning, John Good, Barbara Haselden, Alex Lastra, Hung Mai, Thomas C. Nash, and Rusty Roberts.

2. Consent Agenda

- **FTC Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2026 – Ron Howse, Chairman**
 - On a motion by Vice Chairman Genson and seconded by Commissioner Nash the March 30, 2026, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Presentations

- **FDOT Secretary Update – Jared W. Perdue, P.E., FDOT Secretary**
 - Secretary Perdue shared multiple end of Fiscal Year Updates which included:
 - Project Lettings totaling \$2.7 billion
 - Awarded \$2.3 billion for 5 Modified Phased Design-Build Projects
 - Currently, FDOT has 11,000 active contracts totaling a total value of \$18.8 billion
 - Secretary Perdue reported that Florida experienced a nearly 3% reduction in fatalities in 2025, marking the third consecutive year of declining fatalities, and emphasized FDOT's continued focus on serving communities and partners safely and efficiently.
 - Secretary Perdue highlighted priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, including continued engagement with the Florida Transportation Research Institute to advance transformational transportation research. Secretary Perdue highlighted the inaugural Florida Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Symposium.
 - Secretary Perdue provided transportation highlights from Districts One through Seven and Florida's Turnpike, noted the beginning of the 2026 hurricane season, and highlighted FDOT's preparations for America250 activities.
 - Commissioner Good asked about FDOT's position on municipal efforts to improve walkability through road diets. Secretary Perdue emphasized FDOT's mission to move people safely and efficiently and the importance of maintaining the capacity of existing transportation infrastructure, noting that Department policy prohibits actions that negatively impact congestion.
 - Commissioner Mai asked whether FDOT has sufficient heavy equipment to support all seven districts. Secretary Perdue responded that additional needs remain but noted that the Department has made significant progress in recent years.



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- Commissioner Mai inquired about permitting challenges associated with new water quality treatment requirements. Secretary Perdue explained that FDOT's permitting responsibilities include both permits the Department must obtain for its projects and permits it issues for activities such as driveway and drainage connections.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about the status of FDOT's NEPA Assignment. Secretary Perdue stated that the Department is preparing to update its MOU with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is working with other federal agencies on additional delegations and assignments of federal responsibilities.
 - Commissioner Mai also asked about the future of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) in the Tampa Bay region and opportunities for innovative highway financing. Secretary Perdue expressed support for Florida commercial AAM flight and noted that various innovative financing models used nationally and internationally could warrant further consideration by the Commission and Florida Legislature.
- **Tampa International Airport: Welcome & Overview – Michael Stephens, Chief Executive Officer**
 - Tampa International Airport (TPA) Chief Executive Officer Michael Stephens welcomed the Commission and provided an overview of the airport, noting that TPA serves approximately 25.6 million passengers annually, generates approximately \$11.3 billion in annual economic activity, employs 10,500 people, and supports approximately 82,000 jobs throughout the region.
 - Mr. Stephens highlighted the \$2.1 billion Airside D project, TPA's largest capital project to date. The approximately 600,000-square-foot facility will be the airport's first new airside terminal in 20 years and is anticipated to open in the first quarter of 2029.
 - Mr. Stephens discussed TPA's efforts to advance Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), including plans for an eVTOL demonstration flight. In response to Commissioner Haselden, he noted that a flight path between Albert Whitted Airport and Peter O. Knight Airport has been identified and coordination with participating partners is underway.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about additional locations for AAM operations. Mr. Stephens stated that TPA is evaluating other airport properties, including Tampa Executive Airport and Plant City Airport.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about replacement of TPA's 54-year-old Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower. Mr. Stephens stated that efforts are underway to secure federal funding for a replacement. In response to Commissioner Nash, Mr. Stephens estimated the project cost at approximately \$150 million.
 - Commissioner Good asked about the infrastructure investments necessary to support eVTOL operations at other airports. Mr. Stephens confirmed that



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significant infrastructure would be required and noted that TPA coordinates regionally with other airports and aviation organizations on these efforts.

- **Transportation Projects: From Concept to Completion – Alison Stettner, AICP, FDOT Chief Planner**

- FDOT Chief Planner Alison Stettner provided an overview of the transportation project development process from concept to construction, highlighting four key elements of a successful project: an identified transportation need, community compatibility, local support, and financial feasibility.
- Ms. Stettner also presented funding allocations by source for the \$62.2 billion Five-Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2027–2031.

4. **General FTC Commissioner Discussion – Ron Howse, Chairman**

- Throughout the meeting, Commissioners engaged in general discussion and participated in questions and answers following each presentation. Commissioner comments, questions, and related discussion are reflected within the respective agenda items above.

5. **Executive Director Update – Ralph Yoder, Executive Director**

- Executive Director Yoder provided an update on the ongoing development of FTC's transit oversight efforts, including the Annual Transit Performance Report, Performance Measurement Framework, Trends and Conditions Survey, and updated performance metrics and scorecards.
 - Commissioner Haselden discussed taxpayer funding of transit agencies, including the use of state funding to support capital grants, and expressed concern about increasing operating and administrative costs and subsidies while ridership has declined. She also expressed interest in the rules and regulatory requirements surrounding Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), including drug and alcohol testing and background checks.
 - Following Commissioner Haselden's remarks, the Commissioners engaged in extensive discussion regarding transit funding and budget allocations. These issues will be further reviewed and considered as part of the Commission's transit oversight responsibilities.
- Mr. Yoder shared that we are planning an August 20, 2026, meeting in Bonita Springs.

6. **Public Comment and Adjournment – Ron Howse, Chairman**

- Chairman Howse opened the meeting for public comment. Public comments were provided by Sarah Caper, Hillsborough Transportation Planning Organization; Pat Neal, real estate developer; Greg Horwedel, Deputy County Administrator for Hillsborough County; and Steven Colquitt, Miami developer, urban planner, and community builder involved in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) initiatives.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.