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LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE Meeting

**July 2, 2009
Immediately following the
Full Board Meeting**

**Northeast Florida Regional Council
6850 Belfort Oaks Place
Jacksonville, FL 32216**



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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 2, 2009
To: NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee
From: Mario Taylor, Deputy CEO & Chief Operations Officer *MT*
Re: August 6, 2009, Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the **Legislative Policy Committee** will be held on **Thursday, August 6, 2009**, immediately following the Board Meeting, at the **Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.**

Northeast Florida Regional Council

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

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Northeast Florida Regional Council
6850 Belfort Oaks Place
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Thursday, July 2, 2009
immediately following the Board Meeting

(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)
(*Denotes Action Required)

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| | <u>TAB</u> |
| 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions – Chair Boyle | |
| *2. Approval of February 5, 2009, Meeting’s Minutes – Chair Boyle..... | 1 |
| *3. 2010 Legislative Priorities Solicitation – Mario Taylor | 2 |
| *4. 2010 Regional Legislative Delegation Forum – Mario Taylor | 3 |
| 5. Florida Regional Council’s Association – Brian Teeple | |
| 6. Hometown Democracy – Brian Teeple | |
| 7. Other | |
| 8. Next Meeting Date and Location: | Thursday, August 6, 2009
Northeast Florida Regional Council
6850 Belfort Oaks Place
Jacksonville, Florida 32216 |
| 9. Adjournment | |

***Denotes Action Item**

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

February 5, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **February 5, 2009**, at 12:30 p.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

President Boyle called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

Chereese Stewart	Art Graham	Jon Netts
Chip Laibl	Cyndi Stevenson	Mike Boyle

Others: Milissa Holland, Wendell Davis

Excused: Michael Griffis, Larry Williams

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Michael Hadden and Angela Giles

*Approval of Minutes

Mayor Netts moved approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2009, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Laibl; motion unanimously carried.

2009 Legislative Priorities Publication

Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2009 Legislative Priorities Publication with the Members. Each Committee member has received a packet of 25 booklets and 50 palm cards. Discussion followed.

President Boyle thanked the Staff for their hard work in gathering the information and creating the publication.

*Discussion ensued regarding a Full Board meeting agenda item – **consensus of the Members is to keep the St. Johns River Water Management update on withdrawals from the St. Johns River a standing agenda item for the full Board.**

2009 State Budget and Legislative Preparation

Mr. Teeple reviewed several items with the Members regarding the State Budget and upcoming Legislation. Mr. Teeple stated that he was concerned over regulatory reform measures the Legislature is looking at. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple stated that regarding SB 730, which will abolish the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), that he would support a delegation of DCA's power to the Regional Planning Councils (RPCs). However, he noted that this would put the Board in a slightly different role. Consensus of the Members is for Mr. Teeple to have a dialogue with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of DCA to see if a pilot program could be implemented in Northeast Florida. Discussion followed. Mr. Teeple stated that he would gather the cost analysis of such a program to present to the members at the next meeting.

Regional Legislative Delegation Forum Activity

Mr. Taylor informed the members that several organizations were currently hosting legislative forums for the Northeast Florida Regional Legislative Delegation. The information was provided for members review, if they wish to attend of these events. Given these hosted forums, it was determined that NEFRC would not host a similar event this year.

Current Calendars and Committee Schedules

Mr. Taylor discussed the current House and Senate Calendars which were provided for their review. Mr. Taylor stated that the Council would be providing "Know Your Legislators" pocket reference guides to the members, and they should be available at the March meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, immediately following the Board Meeting, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 24, 2009

To: Northeast Florida Chief Elected Officials and
Chief Administrative Officials

From: Brian D. Teeple, CEO 

Re: 2010 Legislative Priorities for Northeast Florida

The Legislative Committee of the Northeast Florida Regional Council again seeks your upcoming legislative priorities. As so many *issues-of-the-day*, particularly in the current state of this economy, call for a collective approach as the most effective way to address, respond and resolve the issues that are most important to us is **regionally**.

The Committee, which is comprised of delegates from each of our seven Member Counties, addresses critical concerns within our Region. Those issues, for the past year, were compiled in the enclosed publication that was used to disseminate the message and to appeal to the Florida Legislature and promote action. This Committee is guided by the Home Rule Philosophy to develop and implement community-based solutions.

This annual publication details the legislative priorities that were collected from each County within the Northeast Florida Regional Council's membership. From a cumulative list of 50 priorities submitted last year by the Counties involved, each stakeholder was asked to determine their top three priorities that most significantly represented the critical needs and concerns of their communities and constituents. Through the gathering and analysis of all priorities submitted by each County individually, the Legislative Committee collectively determined the top four "regional priorities" that represented the most critical concerns of the Northeast Florida Region.

We are once again soliciting information from each of our Counties and Municipalities for 2010. Please review the enclosed copy of the 2009 Legislative Priorities of the Northeast Florida Regional Council as a guide to the pressing matters that were of concern within our Region for the 2009 Legislative Session. Upon determination of the priorities that most greatly affect you now, we request that you submit these issues to us by August 15, 2009. It is only through your input and participation that we can truly know what matters most to the citizens and constituents of our Region.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to direct them to Mario Taylor, Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer, mtaylor@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0885, extension 145. Thank you for your participation and for assisting us in our mission of "Bringing Communities Together to Advance the Regional Agenda."

Enclosures: 2009 Legislative Priorities booklet and pocket card
CC: NEFRC Legislative Committee and Board of Directors

Northeast Florida Regional Council Legislative Committee

2009 - 2010 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TIMELINE

JULY/AUGUST



Request for Local Government Priorities
Submissions

SEPTEMBER



Gather and Assemble Local & Regional
Priorities Lists

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



Finalize and Publish Local and Regional
Legislative Priorities List

JANUARY/FEBRUARY



Host a Regional Legislative Delegation Forum



Present Published Local and Regional Priorities
to Legislative Delegations

MARCH



Legislative Session Begins



Coordinate our activities with FRCA activities

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Special thanks to:

Katie Halley, Office of Senator Mike Haridopolos

Ben Gibson, Office of Representative Dean Cannon

Dr. Dan Holsenbeck and Joyce Mastriani
UCF Office of University Relations

UCF Fairwinds Alumni Center

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Central Florida Legislative Leadership Forum

Friday, December 12, 2008

**University of Central Florida
Fairwinds Alumni Center**

CENTRAL FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM

OPENING REMARKS

Welcome

Richard Walsh, Chairman
University of Central Florida Board of Trustees

Introductions

Speaker John Thrasher

Overview

Senator Mike Haridopolos
Representative Dean Cannon

PERSPECTIVES

Dr. John Hitt, President, University of Central Florida

Barney Bishop, President and CEO
Associated Industries of Florida

Special NASA/Kennedy Space Center Presentation

Joe Dowdy, Special Operations Manager
Office of the Director, NASA/KSC

Pedro J. Medelius, Ph.D., Chief Scientist, ASRC
for Florida Space Day Committee

Craig Varn, Policy Advisor to Senate President Jeff Atwater

Windemere Mayor Gary Bruhn, Vice Chair
Congress of Regional Leaders

Dick Batchelor, Dick Batchelor Management Group, Inc.

Harry Barley, Executive Director, METROPLAN ORLANDO
for Central FL MPO Alliance

Jacob Stuart, President and CEO, Central Florida Partnership

Mayor Buddy Dyer, Chair
Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission

COUNTY BY COUNTY

Brevard
Indian River
Lake
Orange
Osceola
Polk
St. Lucie
Seminole
Volusia

CLOSING REMARKS

Senator Mike Haridopolos
Representative Dean Cannon
Speaker John Thrasher

STRAW POLL

Please identify what you believe are the top three **STATE** legislative issues presented today.

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3.

Please identify what you believe are the top three **REGIONAL** legislative issues presented today.

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3.

Please note any additional regional issues you would like the Committee to consider.

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**CENTRAL FLORIDA
LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM**

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Location				
Day and time				
Program format				
Presentations				
Overall rating				

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Other comments: