



# NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Legislative Policy Committee

January 8, 2009

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## MINUTES

A meeting of the NEFRC Legislative Policy Committee was held on Thursday, **January 8, 2009**, at 12:25 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:

Jon Netts  
Chip Laibl

Larry Williams  
Mike Boyle

Others:  
Milissa Holland

Excused: Michael Griffis, Chereese Stewart, Art Graham, Cyndi Stevenson

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

### \*Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Williams moved approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2008, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Laibl; motion unanimously carried.**

### 2009 Legislative Priorities Publication Draft

Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2009 Legislative Priorities Draft Publication with the Members. Discussion followed regarding the number of priorities per County. The Regional Top Priorities were discussed. Consensus of the members was: Protect Local Revenue, Transportation Funding, Water Supply and Support of the Florida Forever program. Discussion followed. A revised draft will be e-mailed to the Legislative Policy Committee members by the last week of January.

### Central Florida Legislative Leadership Forum

Mr. Taylor informed the members that he attended the Leadership Forum on Friday, December 12, 2008. Senator Mike Haridopolos and Representative Dean Cannon hosted a meeting for the Legislators representing nine central Florida counties to develop a Regional agenda for the 2009 Legislative Session. The group heard presentations on several issues including growth management, economic development, transportation, and the Space industry. Former House Speaker John Thrasher served as moderator for the program. Participating counties included Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, St. Lucie, Seminole, and Volusia. This nine-county Regional Delegation includes 42 Legislators representing one out of every five Floridians. One third of the legislators are new due to term limits or retirement. In addition to the nine-county Region, these Legislators represent at least part of 19 additional counties. With these additional counties, the Regional delegation's outreach encompasses over half the state's population. Discussion followed. Consensus of Members is that staff is to research the possibility of having a Northeast Florida Legislative Forum, and if feasible, have it during the last week of February 2009. If not feasible in 2009, staff will prepare for 2010.

### Interim Committee Schedules

Mr. Taylor discussed upcoming events, and stated that the Council would be providing "Know Your Legislators" pocket reference guides to the members.

### Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 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 1:55 pm.