



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Agenda

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

November 6, 2025, 2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

One or more members of City Council may be in attendance.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1411 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025.

Sponsors: Katie Dineen - Chair

Attachments: EAB Minutes September 4, 2025

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

2. 25-1460 STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation: That the EAB receive updates and communications from staff.

Sponsors: Katie Dineen - Chair

Attachments: None

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 25-1461 LDC UPDATE

Recommendation: That the EAB have a discussion regarding the proposed LDC

adjustments that might have an environmental impact

Sponsors: Katie Dineen - Chair

Attachments: *None*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 25-1411

Environmental Advisory Board

11/6/2025

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Katie Dineen - Chair

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On September 4, 2025 the EAB held a meeting, this item will allow for the approval of the minutes from this meeting.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 4, 2025 -- EAB meeting held

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator
Chase Crawford, City Arborist

ATTACHMENTS:

1. EAB Minutes September 4, 2025

PRESENTATION: No



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

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2:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Dineen. A quorum was established.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Katie Dineen, Chair, Neil Richards, Vice Chair, Jay Massey, Jordan Poole, Rachel Mahone

Members Absent: Blase Butts, Kelly Hagen, Katie Fox

Also Present: Don Kraher, Council Executive, Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, Katherine Alexander, Environmental Coordinator, Chase Crawford, Arborist, Wendy Gavin, Street and Traffic Operations Division Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1162 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED JULY 10, 2025 AND WORKSHOP DATED AUGUST 7, 2025.

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting dated July 10, 2025 and the Workshop dated August 7, 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chair Richards, seconded by Member Mahone to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 10, 2025, and the minutes of the Workshop dated August 7, 2025. The motion carried 5 - 0, with three members absent and one vacancy on the board.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations; however, if any Board member has something they would like to have a presentation on, reach out to Environmental Coordinator so that she can prepare and schedule.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Environmental Coordinator indicated that the final draft of the LDC will go out to the public this month for public engagement activities. She also provided updates on grants applied for in the Resilient Florida Program. These grants are both for implementation projects. They focus on flooding mitigation, stormwater improvement, including nature improvements like bio swells to tree wells. The two locations are Strong and "R" Street expanding the Maggie's Ditch area and on Main Street, near Joe Patti's. Also provided an update on the grant from the Pensacola Perdido Bay Estuaries Program to purchase more solar trash compacting bins and put them in Bayview Park and potentially one at Bruce Beach. With regard to the Bayview Park solar project, they are waiting for some court hearings in October to determine if the funding is still going to be there or be stripped away. In speaking with Code Enforcement about the naturalistic landscape program, they rarely receive calls about it and when they do, they understand if it is planted for a pollinator habitat or rain garden. With the tree giveaway program, possibly providing some information on the Florida Friendly Native Landscaping from an educational perspective. The City of Pensacola participates in the Community Rating System Program under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program. It aims to provide reductions in flood insurance premiums in the area. Every 5 years, we are audited to provide information and try to lower our number, which equates to a bigger discount on flood insurance premiums.

Member Massey inquired about the lack of trash receptacles on Pensacola's side of the bay bridge compared to the Gulf Breeze side and wondered who has jurisdiction over it.

Streets and Traffic Division Manager indicated there's a portion that is FDOT's, a portion that is the City's that is leased out to the Visitors Information Center and a portion that is the responsibility of Escambia County parks, as well as the City's parks department.

ACTION ITEMS

2. 25-1163 REQUEST FOR USE OF TREE PLANTING TRUST FUNDS FOR THE FY26 TREE CANOPY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) review the administration's request for the use of \$131,000 from the Tree Planting Trust Fund for the FY26 Tree Canopy Revitalization Project. Further that the EAB provide a recommendation to City Council.

Chair Dineen asked if there was any further discussion on the proposed action item, There was none.

Motion made by Member Massey, seconded by Member Richards to approve the request for the use of \$131,000 from the Tree Planting Trust Fund for the FY 26 Tree Canopy Revitalization Project. The motion carried 5 - 0, with three members absent and one vacancy on the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Mahone asked if the City is still designated as a Tree City USA and if there were signs that indicated such designation. The arborist responded yes, the City is still designated as a Tree City USA.

Board Member Richards mentioned the recent Sea Grant report on the sea grasses and survey on scallops and the low number and lack of scallops found in the bay systems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



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File #: 25-1460

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11/6/2025

DISCUSSION

SPONSOR: Katie Dineen - Chair

SUBJECT:

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the EAB receive updates and communications from staff.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

New Member -- We have an application of interest. Nomination memo going to Council in November for December meeting

ReElection Chair / Vice Chair -- Normally done in April or May. Last one we did was in 2024, suggestion (if OK with Board) is to keep as it currently is and get back on track in April or 2026.

Review, feedback, and update of tree grant process for the public (updating website, one-pager, etc.)

EECBG update -- no solar on Bayview, going to submit a change of scope to EECBG for alternative solar options

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
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ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No



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DISCUSSION

SPONSOR: Katie Dineen - Chair

SUBJECT:

LDC Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the EAB have a discussion regarding the proposed LDC adjustments that might have an environmental impact

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Recently, community listening programs were held regarding proposed updates to the LDC. This item gives the EAB the opportunity to discuss any items they feel might have an environmental impact that they are aware of.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No