



Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9:00 am-11:45 am

Location:

The University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members in attendance:

- Jason Cullum – Chairman
- Kelli Stargel – Vice Chair
- Erik Dellenback
- Gerard Duncan
- Chad Garmon
- Joe Knittig
- Pam Olsen
- Calvin Martin
- Jake Smith
- Megan Rose
- Chad Poppell
- Michael Sheedy
- Tom Messer
- Mike Watkins
- Yosef Weinstock - Virtual
- Marilyn Rivera - Virtual
- Secretary Michelle Branham – Virtual

Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members unable to attend:

- Scott George
- Mel Ponder
- Dr. Jerry Haag
- Greg Peters
- Rob Pacienza



PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Item	Summary
Call to Order and Roll Call	- Chair Cullum called the meeting to order (9:10 am). - Roll call was called by Secretary Branham—quorum present with 17 members in attendance.
Chairman's Report	Pastor Cullum reviewed statute concerning the role and purpose of the council.
Vice Chairman Report	Vice Chair Stargel provided an update on the legislative session this year.
Governor's Faith and Community Initiative Office Report	- Secretary Michelle Branham gave the Governor's Faith and Community Initiative Office report. - The report included highlights and events that the administration has been working on over the last quarter.
Speaker	Senator McClain expressed the importance of building relationships between other members and the council.
Council Discussion	- Chair Cullum opened the council discussion. - Pillar 1 – Senator Stargel – Planning meetings with legislators. - Pillar 2 – Chad Poppell – Building relationships with agency heads and the Executive Office of the Governor. - Pillar 3 – Chad Garmon – Council website. - Pillar 4 – Calvin Martin – New Council Member Orientation and Mentorship program
Public Comment	- Public comment given by: - Fred Revell – First Priority - Reverend George Sayour – Ministry to State
Closing	- Chair Cullum - Motion to adjourn: CM Chad Poppell - Seconded: CM Michael Sheedy - Meeting adjourned. (11:43 am)

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