

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL INSTALLATION AND ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Present: Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, Chair, District 2
Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, Vice Chair, District 4
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, District 1
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Operations Supervisor, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Ashley Danner, Office Assistant IV, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Program Manager, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Barry, Chair, called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Invocation

Reverend Daniel Stroebel from the First Pentecostal Church delivered the invocation.

3. National Anthem

Brena Sweeney performed the National Anthem.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Barry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Operations Supervisor, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the meeting was advertised in the *Escambia Sun Press* on November 14, 2024, in the Board's weekly meeting schedule.

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6. Welcoming Remarks

Commissioner Barry, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting and recognized attending elected officials.

7. Swearing-In of the Appointed Commissioners

I. District 1 – Steven Stroberger

The Honorable Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney, First Judicial Circuit of Florida, administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to Commissioner Stroberger and the Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, read the Commission.

II. District 3 – Lumon J. May

The Honorable Judge Kerra Smith administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to Commissioner May and also read the Commission.

III. District 4 – Ashlee Hofberger

The Honorable Judge John Simon administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to Commissioner Hofberger and the Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, read the Commission.

IV. District 5 – Steven Barry

The Honorable Judge John Simon administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to Commissioner Barry and also read the Commission.

Commissioners Stroberger, May, Hofberger, Barry, and Kohler, provided comments after the swearing-in process.

8. Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair

County Attorney Rogers explained the process for the rotation and the Board witnessed the rotation of the new Chair, Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, District 2, and Vice Chair, Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, District 4.

9. Presentation of Chairman's Plaque to Commissioner Steven Barry

Commissioner Kohler, Chair, presented a plaque to Commissioner Barry, outgoing Chair.

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10. Board and Committees Commission Appointments

Recommendation: That the Board confirm the appointments of Commissioner Stroberger, Commissioner May, Commissioner Hofberger, and Commissioner Barry to the following Board and Committees:

Steven Stroberger, District 1, Appointments	
Escambia Marine Advisory Committee	Robert Sims
Planning Board	Jonathan Owens
Santa Rosa Island Authority	Bruce Childers

Lumon J. May, District 3, Appointments	
Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee	Tammy Straughn
Board of Adjustment	Willie Kirkland, Jr.
Escambia County Mass Transit Advisory Committee	Sabrina Wallace-Jordan Willie Taylor
Escambia Marine Advisory Committee	Joseph L. Denmon William Scott Roberts
Planning Board	Walker Wilson
Santa Rosa Island Authority	Jerome E. Watson

Ashlee Hofberger, District 4, Appointments	
Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee	Rhonda Dorfman
Escambia Marine Advisory Committee	Peter Gaddy, III
Planning Board	Eric Fears
Santa Rosa Island Authority	Elizabeth Timothy

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Steven Barry, District 5, Appointments	
Escambia County Disability Awareness Committee	Deborah Carty
Board of Adjustment	John Taylor
Escambia County Mass Transit Advisory Committee	Kevin White Shelisa Abraham
Escambia Marine Advisory Committee	Kerry J. Freeland Cathy Watson
Planning Board	Ben Nelson
Santa Rosa Island Authority	David W. Peaden, II

Motion: Move the item
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously

11. Closing Remarks by Chair

Commissioner Kohler, Chair, provided closing remarks, advised the Board of the process for Commissioner appointments to Boards and Committees, and advised that the Board would discuss resuming Committee of the Whole Workshops.

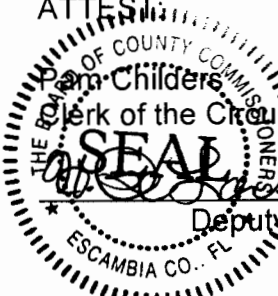
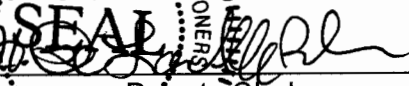
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kohler, Chair, declared the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Michael S. Kohler, Chair

ATTEST:

Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

Approved: December 12, 2024