

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ESCAMBIA
COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting - March 4, 2025 - 8:30 AM
Escambia County Central Office Complex
3363 West Park Place, Room 104

1. Call to Order.

Present:	Reid Rushing, Board Member Jonathan Owens, Board Member Eric Fears, Board Member Walker Wilson, Chairman William Van Horn II, Vice Chairman Tim Pyle, Board Member Kevin Adams, School Board Representative
Absent:	Ben Nelson, Board Member Stephen Opalenik, Navy Representative
Staff Present:	Horace Jones, Director, Development Services Department Rachel Whitmire, Development Services Coordinator Christopher Shaffer, Assistant County Attorney

Chairman Wilson called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Proof of Publication and Waive the Reading of the Legal Advertisement.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by Eric Fears

Motion was made to waive the reading of the legal advertisement.

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes.

- A. A. RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Board review and approve the Meeting Minutes of the February 4, 2025, Planning Board Regular Meeting.
- B. Planning Board Monthly Action Follow-up Report for February 2025.
- C. Planning Board 6-Month Outlook for March 2025.

Motion by Eric Fears, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025,

Planning Board Regular meeting.

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

5. Acceptance of Planning Board Meeting Packet.

Motion by William Van Horn II, Seconded by Eric Fears

Motion was made to accept the meeting packet.

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

6. Public Hearings.

A. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 3-2.11, Chapter 6, Section 6-0.3 and creating Chapter 4, Section 4-7.17 to Identify State Licensed Pari-Mutuel Cardrooms

That the Board review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for adoption an Ordinance amending the Escambia County Land Development Code (LDC) Chapter 3, "Heavy Commercial and Light Industrial (HC/LI)," Section 3-2.11(b)(5), "Recreation and Entertainment" to identify state-licensed pari-mutuel facilities as a permitted use, amending Chapter 6, Section 6-0.3, "Terms Defined," to include the definitions of "cardroom," "pari-mutuel," and "pari-mutuel facility" consistent with Florida Statutes, and creating Chapter 4, Article 7, Section 4-7.17 "Pari-mutuel Facilities" to establish distance requirements for pari-mutuel facilities.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

7. Action/Discussion/Info Items.

8. Public Forum.

9. Director's Review.

10. County Attorney's Report.

11. Scheduling of Future Meetings.

The next Regular Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in the Escambia County Central Office Complex, Room 104, First Floor, 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, Florida.

12. Announcements/Communications.

13. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Wilson declared the Planning Board Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.