

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

Regular Meeting - April 16, 2025 - 8:30 AM

Escambia County Central Office Complex

3363 West Park Place, Room 104

1. Call to Order.

Present:	Willie Kirkland, Jr., Vice Chairman Ross Padden, Board Member Randy Ponson, Board Member Marty Schack, Chairman Susan Carleton, Board Member
Absent:	Auby Smith, Board Member John Taylor, Board Member
Staff Present:	Horace Jones, Director, Development Services Department Andrew Holmer, Deputy Director, Development Services Department Caleb MacCartee, Urban Planning Manager Christina Smith, Urban Planner I Melissa Shirley, Urban Planner I Rachel Whitmire, Development Services Coordinator Kristin Hual, Deputy County Attorney

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

2. Swearing in of Staff and acceptance of staff as expert witness

3. Acceptance of the BOA Meeting Package with the Development Services Staff Findings-of-Fact, into evidence.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Randy Ponson

Motion was made to accept the April 16, 2025, BOA Meeting packet.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

4. Proof of Publication and waive the reading of the legal advertisement.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Randy Ponson

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

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

5. Approval of Resume Minutes.

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the January 15, 2025, Board of Adjustment Meeting.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Randy Ponson

Motion was made to accept the January 15, 2025, BOA Meeting Minutes.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

6. Consideration of the following cases:

A. **Case No.: CU-2025-01**

Address: 12385 Sorrento Rd.

Request: To allow a drive-through within 200 ft of LDR zoning

Requested by: Meredith Bush, Agent for Fishbein Properties, LLC, Owner

No BOA member acknowledged any ex parte communication regard this item.

No BOA member acknowledged visiting the site.

No BOA member refrained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Susan Carleton

Motion was made to accept staff's findings of fact and grant the conditional use as requested.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

B. **Case No.: CU-2025-02**

Address: 8860 Pine Forest Rd.

Request: To allow on-premise alcohol consumption within 1000 feet of a place of worship

Requested by: Fernando Chavez, Agent for Sue Eleanor Little, Owner

No BOA member acknowledged any ex parte communication regarding this item.

No BOA member acknowledged visiting the site.

No BOA member refrained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Randy Ponson

Motion was made to accept staff's findings of fact and grant the conditional use as requested.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

C. Case No.: CU-2025-03

Address: 3451 Johnson Ave
Request: To allow an education facility in the HDR zoning district
Requested by: Clint Gesi, Agent for Islamic Center of Northwest Florida, INC,
Owner

No BOA member acknowledged any ex parte communication regarding this item.

No BOA member acknowledged visiting the site.

No BOA member refrained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

Motion by Randy Ponson, Seconded by Willie Kirkland, Jr.

Motion was made to accept staff's findings of fact and grant the conditional use as requested.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

D. Case No.: V-2025-02

Address: 4 Navy Blvd
Request: A sign setback variance
Requested by: Ben Dehayes and Linday Oij, agents for Patwill Company Inc,
Owner

No BOA member acknowledged any ex parte communication regarding this item.

No BOA member acknowledged visiting the site.

No BOA member refrained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

Motion by Willie Kirkland, Jr., Seconded by Randy Ponson

Motion was made to accept staff's findings of fact and grant the variance as requested.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

E. Case No.: CU-2025-04

Address: 10291 Sorrento Rd
Request: To allow a drive-through within 200 ft of LDR zoning
Requested by: Beck Reed, Agent for Desianna Properties, Owner

No BOA member acknowledged any ex parte communication regarding this item.

No BOA member acknowledged visiting the site.

No BOA member refrained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

Motion by Randy Ponson, Seconded by Susan Carleton

Motion was made to accept staff's findings of fact and grant the conditional use as requested.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion Items.

8. Old/New Business.

9. Announcement.

A. The next Board of Adjustment Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at the Escambia County Central Office Complex 104, 3363 West Park Place.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Schack declared the Regular Meeting of the Board of Adjustment adjourned at 9:57 a.m.