

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

Rezoning Meeting - July 1, 2025 - 8:30 AM
Escambia County Central Office Complex
3363 West Park Place, Room 104

1. Call to Order.

Present: Reid Rushing, Board Member
Ben Nelson, 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
Stephen Opalenik, Navy Representative

Staff Present: Horace Jones, Director, Development Services
Department
Andrew Holmer, Deputy Director, Development
Services Department
Joy Blackmon, P.E., County Engineer
Caleb MacCartee, Urban Planning Manager
Rachel Whitmire, Development Services Coordinator
Christopher Shaffer, Assistant County Attorney

Chairman Wilson called the Rezoning Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 9:21 a.m.

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

Motion by William Van Horn II, Seconded by Reid Rushing

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

Vote : 7 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes.

- I. That the Planning Board review and approve the Meeting Minutes of the June 3, 2025, Planning Board Rezoning Meeting.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, Planning Board Rezoning meeting.

Vote : 7 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

4. Acceptance of Planning Board Meeting Packet.

Motion by Eric Fears, Seconded by Reid Rushing

Motion was made to accept the meeting packet.

Vote : 7 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

5. Public Hearings.

I. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of Skyline Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development

That the Board review the development plan for Skyline Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development (PUD), and confirm consistency of the plan with Land Development Code (LDC) requirements prior to transmittal of a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to review and consider the plan for a final decision.

Jonathan Owens visited the site as of the date of the meeting

No planning board member acknowledged any ex parte communication regarding this item.

No planning board member abstained from voting on this matter due to any conflict of interest.

William Van Horn II acknowledged receiving a phone call asking about the agenda.

Reid Rushing acknowledged SNS is a client but has no prejudice to the case.

Motion by Tim Pyle, Seconded by Reid Rushing

Motion was made to accept Chris Curb's submitted documents into evidence

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

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Motion by Eric Fears, Seconded by Tim Pyle

Motion was made to accept Tom Hammond as an expert witness.

Vote : 7 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Eric Fears, Seconded by Reid Rushing

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC with the contingency of the rezoning case.

Vote : 6 - 1 Motion carried

Voted No : Jonathan Owens

- II. Case No.: Z-2025-04
Applicant: William Mitchem and Rodney Sutton, Agents for House of Prayer For All Nations, INC, Owner
Address: Bellview Road; 38-1S-31-1400-000-000
Property Size: 19.58 (+/-) acres
From: LDR, Low Density Residential district (4 du/acre)
To: MDR, Medium Density Residential district (10 du/acre)

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Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by Ben Nelson

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 6 - 1 Motion carried

Voted No : Jonathan Owens

6. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Wilson declared the Planning Board Rezoning Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.