

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

Regular Meeting - September 9, 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

Absent:

Stephen Opalenik, Navy Representative

Staff Present:

Kevin Adams, School Board Representative
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 William Van Horn II, Seconded by Jonathan Owens

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

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Tim Pyle and Ben Nelson off the dias

4. Approval of Minutes.

- I. A. RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Board review and approve the Meeting Minutes of the August 5, 2025, Planning Board Regular Meeting.
- B. Planning Board Monthly Action Follow-up Report for August 2025.
- C. Planning Board 6-Month Outlook for September 2025.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025, Planning Board Regular Meeting.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Tim Pyle and Ben Nelson off the dais

5. Acceptance of Planning Board Meeting Packet.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to accept the meeting packet.

Vote : 6 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Ben Nelson off the dais

6. Public Hearings.

I. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2-5.7 to Designate an Administrative Authority for Plat and Replat Approvals

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) Volume 1, Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2-5.7 "Final Plats" to designate the Director of Development Services as the administrative authority for plat and replat approvals pursuant to Senate Bill No. 784 (2025) for compliance with state platting requirements.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by William Van Horn II

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 7 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

II. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending the Escambia County Comprehensive Plan to Extend the Planning Horizon from 2030 to 2040, Amending Chapter 10, "Infrastructure Element," and Amending Chapter 15, "Capital Improvements Element"

That the Board review and recommend to the Board of County

Commissioners (BCC) to review and transmit to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), an Ordinance amending the Escambia County Comprehensive Plan to extend the planning horizon from 2030 to 2040 pursuant to Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, amending Chapter 10, "Infrastructure Element," to add a policy addressing the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer service to certain residential developments using onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, and amending Chapter 15, "Capital Improvements Element," to add a policy requiring the listing of projects necessary to meet total maximum daily load (TMDL) pollutant reductions.

Motion by Jonathan Owens, Seconded by Reid Rushing

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 7 - 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, October 7, 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 8:46 a.m.