

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

Regular Meeting - April 7, 2026 - 8:30 AM
Escambia County Central Office Complex
3363 West Park Place, Room 104

1. Call to Order.

Present: Reid Rushing, 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

Absent: Ben Nelson, Board Member
Jonathan Owens, Board Member

Staff Present: Horace Jones, Director, Development Services
Department
Andrew Holmer, Deputy Director, Development Services
Department
Caleb MacCartee, Urban Planning Manager
Kim Wilson, Senior Urban Planner
Rachel Whitmire, Development Services Coordinator
Christopher Shaffer, Assistant County Attorney

Chairman Wilson called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to
order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Motion by Eric Fears, Seconded by Reid Rushing

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

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes.

- I. A. RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Board review and approve the Meeting Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Planning Board Regular Meeting.
- B. Planning Board Monthly Action Follow-up Report for March 2026.
- C. Planning Board 6-Month Outlook for April 2026.

Motion by Reid Rushing, Seconded by Eric Fears

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026, Planning Board Regular Meeting.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

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 : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

6. Public Hearings.

I. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending the Future Land Use Map - SSA-2026-04

That the Board review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, "The Future Land Use (FLU) Element," Policy FLU 1.1.1, to provide for an amendment to the 2030 FLU Map (SSA-2026-04), changing the FLU category of a parcel located within Section 11, Township 2S, Range 31W, Parcel Number 11-2S-31-5300-000-000, totaling 1.75 (+/-) acres, located on Lillian Highway from Mixed-Use Urban (MU-U) to Public (P).

Motion by William Van Horn II, Seconded by Tim Pyle

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Meeting was paused to hear rezoning case Z-2026-07 at 8:42 a.m.

II. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending the Future Land Use Map - SSA-2026-05

That the Board review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, "The Future Land Use (FLU) Element," Policy FLU 1.1.1, to provide for an amendment to the 2030 FLU Map (SSA-2026-05), changing the FLU category of a parcel located within Section 29, Township 1N, Range 31W, Parcel Number 29-1N-31-1102-000-001, totaling 4.63 (+/-) acres, located on W Kingsfield Road from Recreation (Rec) to Public (P).

Meeting restarted at 8:53 a.m.

Motion by Tim Pyle, Seconded by Eric Fears

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

Meeting was paused to hear rezoning case Z-2026-08 at 8:57 a.m.

III. A Public Hearing Concerning the Review of an Ordinance Amending the Future Land Use Map - SSA-2026-06

That the Board review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, "The Future Land Use (FLU) Element," Policy FLU 1.1.1, to provide for an amendment to the 2030 FLU Map (SSA-2026-06), changing the FLU category of a parcel located within Section 15, Township 3S, Range 31W, Parcel Number 15-3S-31-1001-018-004, totaling 4.52 (+/-) acres, located on Gulf Beach Highway from Mixed-Use Suburban (MU-S) to Public (P).

Meeting restarted at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by William Van Horn II, Seconded by Reid Rushing

Motion was made to recommend approval to the BCC.

Vote : 5 - 0 Motion carried unanimously

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Wilson declared the Planning Board Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.