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## **MEETING NOTICE**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

There will be a meeting of the Nominating Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **May 20, 2026**. The meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **4:00 p.m.**

**DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free 1.888.585.9008**

**CONFERENCE CODE: 568 124 316**





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## AGENDA

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

May 20, 2026  
4:00 p.m.

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology  
Gainesville, FL

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The Committee welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Committee. If you would like to address the Committee, when you are called, please state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

\* See Attachments





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May 13, 2026

TO: Nominating Committee  
Fletcher Hope Jr., Chair  
Janice Mortimer, Vice-Chair  
Anthony Adams

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

**Recommend to the Council a slate of nominees for officers for Program Year 2026-27.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Nominating Committee is responsible for making a recommendation to the Council concerning a slate of officer nominees. **The Committee will meet on May 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to develop a slate of nominees for officers.** The meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology in the following format.

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Attached for your information are excerpts from the Bylaws which govern the election of officers. Specifically, the Nominating Committee needs to nominate the following: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

NOTE: No more than one officer may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit.

Also, please find attached a list of current Council members and attendance records for the past three years and a list of the current officers.

If you have any questions concerning the nomination process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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## Section 6: Officers---Duties---Term of Office.

- (1) The members of the Council shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve as officers of the Council. The officers shall be elected from among the members of the Council and may be elected or gubernatorial appointees no more than one (1) of who may be from representatives appointed by the same general purpose local governmental unit and no more than one (1) may be a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee. When a vacancy occurs among the officers, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding officers were originally elected.
- (2) The officers shall perform the duties enumerated below and other duties prescribed by the Council:
  - (a) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and of the Board; sign, with the counter-signature of the Secretary, or Executive Director, as authorized by the Council, any contracts or other instruments which is deemed in the Council's best interest; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Council.
  - (b) The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties, and either in the absence of the Chair or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chair.
  - (c) The Treasurer shall, see that proper financial records of the Council are maintained in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles. Further, the Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.
  - (d) The Secretary shall see that minutes of the meetings and the records of the Council are kept; attest the signatures of the Council officers; and see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law. Further, the Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.
- (3) Each member elected to an office shall serve for one (1) year or until a successor is elected, and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same officer position in a succeeding year once their service for the one (1) year term of office has been completed and provided that the immediate past-Chair shall not be eligible to be elected to another officer position until two (2) years have elapsed following the end of their term as immediate past-Chair nor shall an elected official immediate past-Chair be succeeded in the office of Chair by a representative appointed by the same general purpose governmental unit or a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee.
- (4) Newly elected officers shall be declared installed following the election, and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS  
ATTENDANCE SHEET - May 13, 2026

	Program Year 2023/24 Attended/Meetings	Program Year 2024/25 Attended/Meetings	Program Year 2025/26 Attended/Meetings	Total Attended/Meetings
<u>COUNTY</u>				
1. Anthony Adams, Lafayette County	11/11	9/10	6/9	26/30
2. <b>Mary Alford, Alachua County</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>6/10</b>	<b>7/9</b>	<b>22/30</b>
3. Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County	7/11	8/10	7/9	22/30
4. Rick Davis, Madison County	N/A	3/6	6/9	9/15
5. Thomas Demps, Taylor County	10/11	10/10	9/9	29/30
6. Don Hale, Suwannee County	N/A	N/A	3/5	3/5
7. Johnny Hiers, Levy County	N/A	N/A	1/3	1/3
8. James Howell, Hamilton County	N/A	5/5	9/9	14/14
9. <b>Melissa McNeal, Union County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>14/15</b>
10. Kevin Parnell, Columbia County	N/A	4/5	8/9	12/14
11. Daniel Riddick, Bradford County	10/11	8/10	6/9	24/30
12. Jody Stephenson, Dixie County	6/11	4/10	4/9	14/30
13. Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County	6/11	6/10	4/9	16/30
14. Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County	N/A	N/A	4/4	4/4
<u>CITY</u>				
15. Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., High Springs	N/A	0/4	1/9	1/13
16. <b>Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Hawthorne</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>29/30</b>
17. James Carter Jr., Lake City	N/A	5/6	2/9	7/15
18. Frank Davis, Live Oak	9/11	10/10	9/9	28/30
19. Louie Davis, Waldo	11/11	6/10	8/9	25/30
20. Bryan Eastman, Gainesville	N/A	N/A	2/4	2/4
21. <b>Jhelecia Hawkins, Jasper</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>24/24</b>
22. Melissa Hendrix, Lake Butler	N/A	N/A	6/9	6/9
23. <b>Fletcher Hope Jr., Archer</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>29/30</b>
24. James Ingle, Gainesville	N/A	3/5	4/9	7/14
25. Diane Landry, Perry	N/A	2/2	8/9	10/11
26. James Long, Newberry	N/A	N/A	5/7	5/7
27. Kirk Marhefka, Cross City	N/A	N/A	4/6	4/6
28. J.P. Moore, Madison	N/A	N/A	0/1	0/1
29. Janice Mortimer, Starke	11/11	10/10	9/9	30/30

**Executive Members are bolded**



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

April 21, 2026

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

- |     |                       |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Anthony Adams         | Lafayette County      |
| 2.  | <b>Mary Alford</b>    | <b>Alachua County</b> |
| 3.  | Charles Chestnut IV   | Alachua County        |
| 4.  | Rick Davis            | Madison County        |
| 5.  | Thomas Demps          | Taylor County         |
| 6.  | Don Hale              | Suwannee County       |
| 7.  | James Howell          | Hamilton County       |
| 8.  | Johnny Hiers          | Levy County           |
| 9.  | <b>Melissa McNeal</b> | <b>Union County</b>   |
| 10. | Kevin Parnell         | Columbia County       |
| 11. | Jody Stephenson       | Dixie County          |
| 12. | Daniel Riddick        | Bradford County       |
| 13. | Kenrick Thomas        | Gilchrist County      |
| 14. | Marihelen Wheeler     | Alachua County        |

NON-VOTING DELEGATE

Kristyn Adkins                      High Springs

EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES

1. Florida Department of Commerce
2. Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3. Florida Department of Transportation
4. St. Johns River Water Management District
5. Southwest Florida Water Management District
6. Suwannee River Water Management District

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

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|-----|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 15. | Wayne Bloodsworth Jr.            | High Springs     |
| 16. | <b>Patricia Bouie Hutchinson</b> | <b>Hawthorne</b> |
| 17. | James Carter Jr.                 | Lake City        |
| 18. | Frank Davis                      | Live Oak         |
| 19. | Louie Davis                      | Waldo            |
| 20. | Bryan Eastman                    | Gainesville      |
| 21. | <b>Jhelecia Hawkins</b>          | <b>Jasper</b>    |
| 22. | Melissa Hendrix                  | Lake Butler      |
| 23. | <b>Fletcher Hope Jr.</b>         | <b>Archer</b>    |
| 24. | James Ingle                      | Gainesville      |
| 25. | Diane Landry                     | Perry            |
| 26. | Kirk Marhefka                    | Cross City       |
| 27. | Donald Long                      | Newberry         |
| 28. | J.P. Moore                       | Madison          |
| 29. | Janice Mortimer                  | Starke           |
| 30. | Vacant                           | Alachua          |

**Executive Committee Members are Bolded**



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

2025-26  
May 13, 2026

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mary Alford, Chair  
Jhelecia Hawkins, Vice-Chair  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Treasurer  
Melissa McNeal, Secretary  
Fletcher Hope Jr., Immediate Past Chair

