



# AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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## MEETING MINUTES

Legislative Review Committee  
January 13, 2022  
2:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### 1. Call To Order / Welcome

Alana Todd called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

### 2. Introductions

#### Present:

Alana Todd – Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Tom Ash – Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County

Amy Butler – TECO

Barbara Todd – Agency on Bay Management Chair, TBRPC

Sally Thompson – Tampa Bay Conservancy

Charlie Justice – Pinellas Elected

Shawn College – Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission

Vicki Parsons – Bay Soundings

Chris Pratt – Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County

Beth Le – Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County

Haley Busch – 1000 Friends of Florida

Jessica Lewis – Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Libby Carnahan – UF IFAS/FL Sea Grant

Mark Luther – University of South Florida College of Marine Science/Ports

Michael Perry – City of St. Pete

Rene Brown – Pasco County

Stacey Day – Pinellas County

Terry Fluke – Tampa Bay Pilots Association

DJ Strott – Joe Island Clams (Commercial Fishing)

Chris Cooley – Port Tampa Bay

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Shannon Herbon – FDEP

Maya Burke – Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Courtney Vandenberg – Pinellas Elected

Melanie Grillone – Tampa Bay Watch

### **3. Public Comment / Announcements**

- The Florida Regional Councils Meeting is taking place on January 14, 2022.
- USF is seeking funds for a new campus center via legislation. This year Dr. Luther is teaching an Ocean Policy course with students that could assist this committee.

### **4. Strategic Planning: Committee Membership – *Entire Committee***

The LR Committee will review membership, compiling a list of potential members for outreach and identifying entities that track state and federal legislation.

This year, the Legislative Review Committee will focus on member recruitment, building the committee, tracking bills, strengthening its knowledge of the legislative process, and potentially exploring community outreach and education.

The Committee reviewed the [Agency on Bay Management's approval process](#). Emergency meetings for the full ABM and the LR Committee are up to the discretion of their respective chairs. Quorum would be required, and virtual attendance does count for the ABM.

The Committee edited [a list](#) of potential members and legislation tracking entities for outreach. It was suggested that the list be organized according to the member's ability to advocate. In addition, it was suggested that Alana reach out to legislation contacts for each city and county.

The TBRPC's Communications Planner created a [new member flyer](#) for the ABM to assist with outreach.

### **5. 2022 Legislative Session & Priorities – *Haley Busch, 1000 Friends of Florida***

The Committee will explore the legislative process and discuss priorities for the 2022 Florida Legislative Session.

Hayley Bush provided a presentation of the key dates for the 2022 FL Legislative Session and an overview of the legislative process and major bills relevant to the ABM.

The Committee compiled a [Legislation Watchlist](#) for Tampa Bay, which includes neutral descriptions of legislation that could impact Tampa Bay. The group discussed the best ways of disseminating the list considering the necessary approval process for taking positions on issues. It was decided that the list should stay objective, as information sharing is valuable alone.

For federal issues, the Waters of the US (WOTUS) rule is being revised again [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-12/revised-definition-of-wotus\\_nprm\\_december2021.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-12/revised-definition-of-wotus_nprm_december2021.pdf)



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At the local level, Pinellas County is considering a lateral sewer line ordinance in its January (1/25/22) meeting:

<https://pinellas.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=901761&GUID=D648384E-CF19-40CF-B686-D7AB675722A3&Options=info|&Search>

## 6. Other Items

- a. Next Meeting date
  - Full Agency: March 10<sup>th</sup> 9 AM
  - Legislative Review: April 14<sup>th</sup> 2 PM
- b. Bay Soundings article ideas

## 7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM.