

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on February 11, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn, 3701 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present:

Laurence Kaldor	President
Peter Palmer	Vice President
Frankie Romano	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Joe Morera	Resident
Scott Botting	Resident
Julio Tejada	South Florida Water Management District

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mr. Kaldor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Supervisors Kaldor, Palmer and Romano were present. Two seats are vacant.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]
(Comments should be made from the microphone to ensure recording. Please state your name prior to speaking.)**

No members of the public spoke.

Mr. Kaldor asked to be videorecorded as he read a prepared statement into the record, as follows:

“Before we proceed with business today, I want to briefly address an important procedural matter for the record. I have received objections from the District Manager and legal Counsel regarding my intention to preside over the nomination and selection of my Successor prior to the formal tender of my resignation. While I respect the roles of both the District Manager as an administrator and the Attorney as advisor, it is the Board’s duty to govern and I intend to fulfill my duty until the moment my resignation becomes effective. I have heard from both the District Manager and legal Counsel; I met with them yesterday and while I respect their opinions, I do not agree with them. The District Manager administers, legal Counsel advises and the Board governs. It is our job; the three people sitting up here to govern. I have reviewed the applicable statutes and the parliamentary procedures. Florida Statute 298.11 and 298.12 gives ‘the remaining members the duty to fill a vacancy once it occurs.’ That is clearly stated; however, there is nothing in the law or in Roberts Rules of Order, newly-revised 12th edition, that prohibits anticipatory action by a Board in full quorum, which we have today. In fact, Roberts Rules of Order, newly-revised Section 47-57 makes it clear that ‘motions can be adopted to take effect upon a future event’ and ‘nominations and elections to fill future vacancies are allowed when proper notice has been given.’ Here, we have a quorum and, unless I am mistaken, proper notice of this meeting and this appointment has been given. So therefore, out of respect for the District Manager and our esteemed Legal Counsel, I will not cast a vote in this appointment process to address the concerns that were raised yesterday. However, I do intend to preside over a transparent, properly-noticed and orderly process in order to nominate and elect a replacement that can be sworn in following my resignation, ensuring continuity of governance and avoiding an unnecessary break in quorum, which would occur should I resign early. Because pursuant to Roberts Rules, which we are quoting, if we can avoid that, which is the case here, we most certainly should. That is, in my opinion, good governance; that would be the most responsible way forward. Lastly, I re-affirm that my intent

to resign remain unchanged and will take effect following the conclusion of this meeting. At this time, I invite the District Manager and the Attorney to correct any mis-statement by me of their position and their objections so that their position and objections can be clearly documented on the record.”

Ms. Rustin stated that her opinion is based on a Florida Statute that expressly states the remaining members of the Board shall appoint/choose a person to fill a vacancy. So, to be remaining denotes the Supervisors that are remaining after the resignation. She stated that is her interpretation of the law, it is the Board’s decision and she has no objection to how the Board wishes to proceed. Ms. Sanchez had no comment, asked not to be videorecorded, and voiced her willingness to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Palmer stated he was under the assumption that the new law stipulating the District have five Supervisors instead of three, that if one left the remaining members can appoint a replacement. Mr. Kaldor stated that is what will happen today as he will not vote.

Asked what if there is a tie between the candidates, Mr. Kaldor stated the Board will discuss that if it occurs, and he would rather not deal with hypotheticals.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Public Records Request Policy

Mr. Kaldor presented Resolution 2026-02.

Ms. Rustin recalled that this item first appeared on the November 2025 agenda, it was tabled to December 2025 and then revised after the December 2025 meeting. She discussed the changes made in Section 5 related to Special Service Charge for Public Records, and recommended Board approval of the Resolution.

A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02, Approving and Adopting a Public Records Request Policy and Providing an Effective Date

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-02, Approving and Adopting a Public Records Request Policy and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion/Consideration of SWCD Performance and Operation Review

- **Authorize Request for Proposals for Consultant/Approval of Scope of Services and Evaluation Criteria**

Ms. Rustin recalled a previous discussion about a formal performance audit that the District underwent in 2014. After evaluating the scope of the audit and the definition of the operational audit, District Counsel was directed to prepare a scope of work for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a Consultant to facilitate an updated SWCD Performance and Operation Review. Ms. Rustin stated, per Chapter 189, which outlines performance review procedures for fire districts, she drafted the scope of work by merging some of the concepts in the definition of performance audit and operational audit with the performance review, which addresses the Board's concerns. She asked the Board to review the Section 3 Scope of Work, Section 4 Deliverables and Section 5 Evaluation Criteria and offer feedback.

Ms. Rustin responded to questions regarding the type of audit that was done in 2014 and the difference between an audit and a performance review for special districts.

Mr. Kaldor, the Board Member who initiated the audit discussion, voiced his opinion that what needs to happen is a comprehensive overview that is very specific. He recapped that an Operational Audit was performed in 2014, which highlighted certain issues. It was followed by a 2017 letter to the Auditor General detailing the steps that were taken to remedy the issues that were identified. Mr. Kaldor stated, upon reviewing the correspondence, he thinks the issues were not completely resolved and there were still open items, meaning the incoming consultant would have to review any unresolved issues from 2014, compare it to the current status of the operations, and consider the District's five-year plan, in relation to the operational and capital improvement budgets. Mr. Kaldor hoped that the Board Members will continue looking into this to make sure all issues are resolved and that there is full transparency for the public.

Mr. Palmer stated it is good to know what is happening behind the scenes and he is in favor of an updated operational audit, especially since the last one was 12 years ago. He thinks that, going forward, the Board should consider having a formal operational audit every three to five years if that is the standard of practice among fire Districts.

Discussion ensued regarding the next steps, the scope of work, deliverables in the RFP, whether to table this item until a new Supervisor is appointed, the 90-day RFP timeframe, adding an addendum to the scope, whether to include price in the proposal and amending the Evaluation Criteria.

Ms. Rustin will amend Section 5 of the Evaluation and Selection Criteria, changing the points from 25 points for all four categories to 40 points for Qualifications, 40 points for Relevant Experience, 10 points for Project Approach and 10 points for Price.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Scope of Services and Evaluation Criteria, as amended, and authorizing Staff to proceed with advertising a Request for Proposals for Consultant to perform a Performance and Operations Review Audit, were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion/Consideration: Update Water Control Plan (Capital Plan)

Mr. Palmer motioned to discuss and consider the Water Control Plan dated February 2026. Mr. Romano seconded the motion.

Mr. Kaldor thinks this item might need to be tabled because it feels to him as though the five-year plan on Page 11 is vague and it references the 2017 plan. He discussed his issues with the plan, proposed holding a workshop to figure out what the plan is and coordinate with the Coral Springs Improvement District (CSID).

Discussion ensued regarding the Water Control Plan, the City of Coral Springs water management budget and mutual projects with the CISD.

A vote was not taken.

This item was deferred.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025, were accepted.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sanchez stated that resident Gloria Guillo emailed a change and requested audio and drafts of the minutes.

Ms. Sanchez listened to the audio and verified the change.

The following change was made:

Line 65: Delete “not” after “could”

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors’ Communications

Mr. Romano had no comments.

Mr. Palmer thanked Mr. Kaldor for his service.

Mr. Kaldor stated he is honored to have had the opportunity to serve on the Board.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

There was no report.

B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer’s Report (MER)

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer’s Report from January 14, 2026 to February 4, 2026. He provided updates on the Pump Station 3 Replacement (PS3) at Royal Lands, the West Outfall Canal Improvements Project, and the SWCD Water Control Plan. He presented the following:

II. Permit Application(s)

- **Permit 2025-05 Extension**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Extension Request for Permit No. 2025-05, submitted by resident Chris Matthews for a home improvement project at 9027 NW 21st Court, was approved.

- **Mastec D-HCS343**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Mastec Communications Group via Tillman Fiber for directional bore installation of 75 LF of 1-2" HDPE conduit under SWCD Canal FF, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 26, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

- **Mastec D-HCS303**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Mastec Communications Group via Tillman Fiber for directional bore installation of 70 LF of 1-2" HDPE conduit under SWCD Canal L17-6, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 29, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

- **Mastec D-HCS306**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Mastec Communications Group via Tillman Fiber for the directional bore installation of 115-LF of 1-2" HDPE conduits under SWCD Canal L17-3 and L17-5, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 29, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

- **Comcast JB0001902779 Area 18**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Comcast for the installation of 1,899-LF of 1-2" HDPE conduit along the north bank of SWCD Canal "J", subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the February 4, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

- **Comcast JB0002175815**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Comcast – S22/T48S/R41E for directional bore installation of 60-LF of 1-2" HDPE conduit SWCD Canal "RR", subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the February 5, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

There was no report.

D. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC

- **Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form (for informational purposes)**
- **NEXT MEETING DATE: March 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Resignation of Supervisor Laurence Kaldor [Seat 3]

This did not occur during the meeting.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Memorandum Regarding Procedure to Fill Board Vacancy [Seat 3; Term Expires November 2028]

A. Call for Nominations

Mr. Kaldor stated there are two individuals interested in filling Seat 3. He discussed the nomination process and how the voting will be handled.

Ms. Sanchez stated that the process set forth by Mr. Kaldor is not the process that Staff is to follow based on the Memorandum that is in the agenda and that information was previously discussed with Mr. Kaldor. The process, as she understands, is that Mr. Kaldor will need to resign before any nominations are made, not at the end of appointing someone. Ms. Rustin stated she previously provided her legal opinion to Mr. Kaldor and clarified that candidates cannot step outside during the nomination process and that there should be no discussion among Board Members regarding who they will vote for.

Ms. Sanchez asked how to proceed with a nomination for a seat that is not empty, as Mr. Kaldor already indicated that he does not intend on resigning first. Ms. Rustin replied it is at the will of the Board.

Ms. Sanchez stated, although it is the Board's decision as to how to proceed, she does not recommend filling the Board seat before the resignation.

Mr. Kaldor voiced his opinion that, if the process is not done the way he wants it done, the Board will not have a quorum.

Ms. Rustin stated State Statutes take precedence over Roberts Rules of Order. The Statute stipulates that the remaining members of the Board will select the replacement. So, under that analysis, there does not have to be a quorum to proceed with the appointment of a new Board Supervisor. Mr. Kaldor stated his opening statement addresses this matter.

Mr. Romano objected to filling the vacant seat prior to Mr. Kaldor’s resignation.

Ms. Rustin stated the risk is that the appointment could be challenged for not complying with the law, procedurally. She responded to questions regarding who might challenge the appointment, the Board undergoing a new appointment, the challenge process, and the risk.

Mr. Kaldor thinks there is a risk of the losing candidate filing a lawsuit in every election. Mr. Kaldor motioned to proceed with the appointment. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion.

Mr. Romano voiced his discomfort with Mr. Kaldor presiding over the vote and stated he works for another District and does not want to do anything to jeopardize his current job of 27 years by not doing things the proper way. At his current District, Board vacancies are filled the way Staff recommends. Mr. Kaldor stated he would not want to do anything to harm Mr. Romano’s position. He asked if Mr. Romano would be in jeopardy for approving today’s appointment. Ms. Rustin stated not under the Florida Ethics Code.

Discussion ensued regarding who will chair the nomination, State law, and keeping the quorum intact.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Board proceeding with the appointment of a Board Supervisor, as proposed by Mr. Kaldor, was approved.

- B. Advanced Submissions**
 - I. Scott Botting**
 - II. Jose E. Morera**
- C. Floor Nominations**
- D. Close of Nominations**
- E. Statements of Interest [2-Minute Time Limit]**

Mr. Morera stated he is a 30+ year resident of the City, he previously served on the Sunshine Water Control District Board for an extended amount of time and is so familiar with

District operations that there will be no learning curve; he could step right in to assume the responsibility of a Board Member and maintain the continuity. He would like to re-join the Board and is in good standing with the District and current on resident assessments. If elected, it would be a privilege to serve and contribute to the well-being of the District and its residents. There were no questions for Mr. Morera

Mr. Botting stated he is a proud native of the City of Coral Springs; born and raised. He has several years as a public servant; from law enforcement to the military, and he has experience in the construction field from dewatering and pump services. He feels that his experience in capital improvements, construction and scopes of work would be an asset to the Board going forward. He is also a business owner in the City and is very familiar with payroll, budgeting, operations and having to be fiscally responsible. If elected, he will be diligent in terms of cutting costs and bettering the community. There were no questions for Mr. Botting.

F. Voting

The Board Members cast their ballots and presented them to Staff.

Mr. Palmer voted for Mr. Botting and Mr. Romano voted for Mr. Morera.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board Members posing questions to the candidates, if a candidate could withdraw, taking another vote, and deferring appointment to a future meeting.

The Board Members voted a second time and presented them to Staff.

Ms. Sanchez stated there was no change in the results; it was still a tie.

The candidates did not choose to withdraw their candidacy.

G. Consider Appointment of Qualified Elector to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 3

- **Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor (the following will be provided in a separate package)**
 - I. **Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing**
 - **Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions**
 - II. **Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
 - III. **Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**

IV. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers

This item was deferred. The Board did not come to a conclusive vote.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-03, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

New Business

There was no new business.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Mr. Morera stated he found the whole procedure today highly unusual, in that it is difficult to appoint someone to a Board seat that is not technically vacant. He understands the Chair’s opinion, given his legal background, but thinks that, under this current scenario, District Staff should prevail given that they are providing guidance to the Board to act in the proper manner. He has served on other boards where members have resigned and the remaining members voted to fill the seat that has been vacated.

Mr. Kaldor thanked Mr. Morera for his comment.

SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

Mr. Kaldor adjourned the meeting.


Asked about his resignation, Mr. Kaldor stated he will resign after adjournment.

Ms. Rustin stated the Board does not have to accept a resignation at this time. Since Mr. Kaldor will no longer be a Board Member, he can issue his resignation after adjournment.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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President/Vice President