

# **Orange County Government**

*Orange County Administration Center  
201 S Rosalind Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Commission Chambers**

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Call to Order**

County Mayor Jerry L. Demings called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Jerry L. Demings, Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Commissioner Christine Moore, Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Michael Scott

Others present:

County Comptroller Phil Diamond as Clerk

County Administrator Byron Brooks

Office of Management and Budget Director Kurt Petersen

Office of Management and Budget Assistant Manager Nanette Melo

Minutes Supervisor Craig Stopyra

Minutes Coordinator Terrell Hightower

**BUDGET WORK SESSION****CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES**

**25-1037** Orange County Public Defender, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Melissa Vickers addressed the Board regarding her budget proposal but did not formally present it. She also expressed her gratitude towards Orange and Osceola County for paying the IT Budget.

The Board took no action.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Orange County Supervisor of Elections Karen Castor-Dentel addressed the Board regarding her budget proposal to increase new positions and prepare for upcoming elections. She also addressed the Board regarding increase access, enhance communication, and enhance early voting for elections. Board discussion ensued. County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

The Board took no action.

**SHERIFF**

**25-1038** Orange County Sheriff John Mina addressed the Board regarding an update and budget report. Board discussion ensued. Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, County Comptroller Diamond, County Administrator Brooks, and Nanette Melo, Assistant Manager, Office of Management and Budget contributed to the discussion.

The following person addressed the Board: Orange County Undersheriff Mark Canty.

The Board took no action.

**LYNX**

- 25-1039** Tiffany Holmer Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, LYNX (Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority), presented an overview of LYNX operations. Leonard Antmann, Chief Financial Officer, LYNX (Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority), presented the LYNX budget.

The Board took no action.

**By Consensus, the Board adjourned as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and convened as the Orange County Library District Governing Board**

**LIBRARY DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

- 25-1040** Library District Governing Board

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners took no action. Refer to the Orange County Library District Governing Board Minutes appended to Legislative File 25-1040, for action taken by the Orange County Library District Governing Board.

**By Consensus, the Board adjourned as the Orange County Library District Governing Board and convened as the Orange County Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board**

**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)**

- 25-1041** Vanessa Pinkney, Executive Director, Orange Blossom Trail Development Board, presented to the Board the proposed resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual budget of the Orange County Community CRA (Redevelopment Agency), as presented and contained within the proposed budget of Orange County. Board discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Resolution 2025-M-28 of the Orange Blossom Trail Community Redevelopment Agency related to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the Orange Blossom Trail Community Redevelopment Agency. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

**By Consensus, the Board adjourned as the Orange County Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board and convened as the Orange County International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board**

**I-DRIVE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- 25-1042** Daniel Kilponen, Chief Planner, Neighborhood Services Division, Planning

Development, and Environmental Services Department, and Krista Taraszewski, Assistant Project Manager, Neighborhood Services Division, Planning Environmental, and Development Services Department presented to the Board the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 of the Orange County I-Drive CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) as presented and contained within the proposed budget of Orange County. Board discussion ensued. Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Raymond Williams, Manager, Engineering Division, Public Works Department, and County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Demings, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-M-29 of the International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget of the International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

**By Consensus, the Board adjourned as the Orange County International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board and reconvened as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners**

#### **CONVENTION CENTER & TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX (TDT)**

**25-1043** Mark Tester, Executive Director, Convention Center, presented an update and budget report on the Convention Center. Raymond Walls, Deputy Director, Convention Center, presented an update and budget report on the Tourist Development Tax. Board discussion ensued.

The Board took no action.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**25-1044** Board Budget Discussion

Board discussion ensued regarding increasing the Sheriff's millage rate proposed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. County Comptroller Diamond, Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, County Administrator Brooks, and Nanette Melo, Assistant Manager, Office of Management and Budget, contributed to the discussion.

Tentative Millage:

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the Tentative Millages for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe,

Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

Tentative Budget:

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve the Tentative Countywide Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

Budget Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the Budget Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Resolution 2025-M-30 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Orange County Fire Rescue Department to take effect on October 1, 2025.
2. Approval of Resolution 2025-M-31 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Orange County Medical Examiner's Office to take effect on October 1, 2025.
3. Approval of the Fourth Amendment to Orange County Retiree Health Care Benefit Trust, Effective October 1, 2025, by and between Orange County, Florida and the Office of the Orange County Comptroller, as Trustee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

√ **The notated public hearing is quasi-judicial in nature. As such, any verbal or written communication with a member of the Board of County Commissioners prior to today's quasi-judicial hearing should be disclosed on the record or made a part of the record during the public hearing by or on behalf of the party who communicated with the Board member to allow any interested party an opportunity to inquire about or respond to such communication. Failure to disclose any such communication may place the party who ultimately prevails at the quasi-judicial hearing at risk of having the Board's decision overturned in a court of law due to prejudice against the party who was not privy to the ex parte communication.**

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ADJOURNMENT: 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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County Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST SIGNATURE:

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Phil Diamond  
County Comptroller as Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

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Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Communications Division at (407) 836-5517.

Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111. Si w bezwen èd nan lang Kreyòl oswa sèvis tradiksyon, tanpri rele (407) 836-3111.

NOTE: Reports from the County Mayor, the County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney may be presented at unscheduled times throughout the day, depending on the length of time required for advertised public hearings.

Copies of Specific Project Expenditure Reports and Relationship Disclosure Forms are not included with agenda items unless there is a listed expenditure or disclosure. Copies of these completed reports and forms may be obtained by contacting the relevant Department/Division Office.

\*\*With respect to informational items, Board action is neither required nor necessary, and Board approval (or disapproval) is not to be implied.