



Agenda

Board of Directors Meeting

February 27, 2026 – 9:00 AM EST

Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order: Chad Williams

2. Officer Reports:

a. Secretary's Minutes –Christopher Simpron

Motion to approve: David Ricks; Second: Ramon Gavarrete; Motion passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report - Spencer Anderson

2025-2026 FACERS Treasurer's Expense Report (as of 2/27/2026)			
Date	Payee	Expense Description	Amount
2/4/2026	Florida International University	\$5,000 endowment donation for 2026 as approved by the FACERS Board.	\$5,000.00
1/20/2026	Christopher Simpron	NACE 2026 Conference Pre-Travel Expenses: Airfare (MCO to DFW) (\$549.60)	\$549.60
1/22/2026	Deborah Snyder	NACE 2026 Conference Pre-Travel Expenses: Airfare (TPA to DAL) (\$287.96), Full Delegate Registration (\$845); Stadium Tour (\$50); CC Service Fee (\$26.85)	\$1,209.81
12/18/2025	FAC	FACERS Expenses Paid by FAC: Canva Subscription Split (\$23.99), QR Code Generator Split (\$7.87), NACE Rep FAC Legislative Conf Registration - McGinty (\$450); NACE Rep FAC Legislative Conf Registration - Dingman (\$450); FACERS Board Member Shirts (3@68.75+\$15 shipping = \$221.25), QR Code Monthly Subscription (\$7.87); Survey Monkey Annual Subscription Split (\$93.60)	\$1,230.59

1/5/2026	George Gadiel	NACE 2026 Conference Pre-Travel Expenses: Airfare (GNV to DFW (\$556.60), Hotel (First Night @ \$293.98)	\$850.58
1/5/2026	Proforma Imaging	FACERS Board Name Badges (UNK number of badges)	\$182.58
1/6/2026	Chad Williams	NACE 2026 Conference Pre-Travel Expenses: Airfare JAX to DFW (\$543.98), Full Delegate Registration (\$632.10); Stadium Tour (\$37.40)	\$1,213.48
12/5/2025	Consensus Media LLC	FACERS Web Hosting Support (12/2/25-12/1/26) Daily backups, AV scan, Core Updates and Quarterly Plugin Updates	\$1,200.00
11/25/2025	Ramon Gavarrete	2025 Fall Meeting Dinner Reimbursement with NACE's President Elect: Rideshare to/from Restaurant (\$33.64/\$31.50), Drinks b4 Dinner (\$37), Dinner for 5 @ Cooper's Hawk (\$357)	\$459.14
11/5/2025	George Gadiel	NACE Annual Conference Registration Reimbursement: Full Delegate Registration (\$845), Stadium Tour (\$50), Service Fee (\$26.85)	\$921.85
11/5/2025	DPE - Design & Print Solutions	2025 Fall Meeting: 3 Foam Core Boards (@\$36/ea), 1 Banner Stand (@\$125), 5 Banners (@\$70/ea) Tax (6.5% = \$37.90)	\$620.90
11/3/2025	Clothesline	FACERS Polo Shirts (3 Nike Dry-Fit)	\$231.71
9/25/2025	George Gadiel	NACE Travel Reimbursement: Meals (\$34.83, \$21.89, \$19.44, \$168.25, \$27.97, \$42.43), Hotel (2 nights @ \$156.78/nt), Rideshare To-From Destination Airport (\$26.24, \$30.92), Home Airport Parking (\$48)	\$733.53
9/2/2025	George Gadiel	NACE Travel Reimbursement: Airfare (\$606.36)	\$606.36
8/18/2025	FAC	FACERS Annual Administration Fee 2024-2025 (10% of annual revenue of \$107,265): Sponsorships (\$73,000=\$7,300), Meeting Registrations (\$18,275=\$1,827.50), Membership Dues (\$15,990=\$1,599)	\$10,726.50
8/21/2025	FAC	FACERS Expenses Paid by FAC for 2025 Annual Meeting: Canva Subscription Split (\$23.99), QR Code Generator Split (\$70), FACER Social Transportation (\$1,858.12), QR Code Monthly Subscription (\$7.87), Black Angus FACERS Social (\$5,099.01), FAC Travel Expense Bell Capt Tips (\$125), FACERS Hotel Food & Beverage and AV (\$16,843.70), Postage (\$9.58)	\$24,036.27
		Total Expenses	\$49,772.90

Motion to approve: Ramon Gavarrete; Second: Scott Herring; Motion passed unanimously.

c. **Vice President's Report - David Ricks**

Deadline for FACERS Awards Submissions (March 1)

Deadline for FACERS' Call for Presentations (March 1)- with 19 online submissions

David Ricks has an in-person meeting scheduled for Friday (March 6) with FDOT State Secretary Jared Perdue. Will ask if he's available to speak at the June conference.

3. Committee Reports and Updates:

a. Membership – Spencer Anderson

To date, there are **72** members that have renewed or joined **FACERS for 2026**. The breakdown of members is as follows:

25 County Members

15 Counties

6 Municipal Members

13 Sustaining

The **2026 FACERS** membership drive opened **January 5, 2026**, and will run through **July 1, 2026**. Per Emily Anderson, emails go out weekly. It requires outreach from FACERS to increase membership.

The 2025 FACERS membership finished with **137** members. The breakdown of members is as follows:

60 County Members

28 Counties

7 Municipal Members

42 Sustaining

b. Budget – Ramon Gavarrete

Budget is good. No major update.

c. FAC Update – Emily Anderson

FAC Association Management Update

The FAC Annual Conference will be held on **June 23-26, 2026**, at the *Hilton Orlando* in Orange County and registration will open **Monday, March 2, 2026**. Affiliate registrations will open **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**. Information on the FAC Annual Conference can be found [HERE](#) on the FAC website. FAC has an app and FACERS will have an icon on the app which will lead to the schedule and any information regarding the annual meeting. PDH certificates will still go through sign-in sheets. This year will have a pre-printed list of all the registrants for each topic and then the registrant will find their name which is in alphabetical. Amy Blaida will look if purchasing software for FACERS is a viable option

to streamline and automate the check-in process including selection of sessions. Emily Anderson noted that it must work with FAC's database since registration and payment is through FAC. Emily and Amy plan to schedule a separate meeting to discuss more about this. Hotel room rate is \$190/day plus \$10 for self-parking so total is \$200/day.

2026 FACERS Award Nominations are due March 1 (Sunday). Final email went out on February 27. Emily will provide Award Submissions to the Board after the March 1st deadline or early next week. NACE submissions for the first round of reimbursement have been received. Emily Anderson pointed out the 2nd round of reimbursement for the follow-up expenses will be submitted after the NACE conference. George Gadiel added that moving forward to next year's NACE conference, in the fall, we need to submit the registration and buy plane tickets, then that way it will be submitted to the first one and after the conference, will submit the hotel and other expenses.

d. **NACE - George Gadiel**

The nine (9) FACERS attendees at the NACE conference are the following:

- 1) Christopher Simpron
- 2) Ramon Gavarrete
- 3) Chad Williams
- 4) George Gadiel
- 5) Deborah Snyder
- 6) David Ricks
- 7) Jim Stivender Jr.
- 8) George Webb
- 9) Amy Blaida

George Gadiel noted that it has one formal night. Amy Blaida will organize a FACERS dinner on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, during the NACE conference with the FACERS attendees and a guest, (if applicable), including the FACERS sponsors who will be at the NACE conference. Will discuss about the 2030 co-hosting NACE conference in Florida with FACERS and APWA Florida Chapter.

e. **Legislative – Cate Thompson (not present)**

Emily Anderson said that Eric Poole is sending out another legislative update that will go out Monday or Tuesday. She thanked all those who responded to the request for information that has been put out, including in Growth Management area. One hot topic is the public vote on eliminating property taxes in Florida.

f. **Awards – George Gadiel**

George said he only got 4 award nominations, but Amy Blaida said that there's another one coming. Deadline is Sunday, March 1. George will send out a meeting invite to the awards committee for discussion. Amy suggested pushing

the deadline until Wednesday, March 4, to get more award nominations, which George approved. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a FACERS member.

g. **Scholarships – Marcy Cook (not present)**

Amy Blaida confirmed that Marcy Cook left her job. Amy reached out to Marcy to confirm if she still needs to be involved or delegate this to someone else.

h. **Greenbook – Brian Singleton (not present)**

Ramon Gavarrete said the next face-to-face meeting is in April which unfortunately, we are all in Texas attending the NACE conference. A few members won't be able to attend the Greenbook Committee this year. Ramon pointed out that there's a lot of subcommittee meetings and proposed changes so he suggested somebody from FACERS needs to attend the Greenbook Committee meeting if Brian Singleton cannot attend. Chad Williams volunteered to attend in the absence of Brian Singleton.

i. **LAP Community of Practice – Chad Williams**

Per Chad Williams, they have a meeting scheduled back in January which they have not come up with enough agenda, so the meeting has been canceled. Next meeting is in July 16. Will do a call out sometime in June for any LAP COP issues. Email him of any issues or topics for discussion in July. Ramon reminded that this is not for LAP jobs or federally funded projects only, this includes any topics pertaining to FDOT and FHWA such as issues with delay of federally funded grants. Ramon has an update with the NACE fly-in last week where he met the FHWA administrator. Chad said they discuss topics like ROW acquisition and ownership, signal agreements, SCRAP/SCOP issues, and a lot of different topics to FDOT and not only specific for LAP.

j. **LTAP - Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR (not present)**

Chad Williams said that Pei-Sung Lin sent out an email on 02/2026 regarding recorded webinars and upcoming LTAP events. Chad recommended to reach out to Mr. Lin if we have any questions.

k. **T-Squared - Nithin Agarwal (not present)**

l. **Website – Chris Simpron**

Chris Simpron provided an update on the recent FACERS website meeting with Amy Blaida and Marcello Tavernari. Looked at the various portals that need to be updated. Requested for a follow-up meeting with Emily Anderson and Ashley Copeland with FAC, Ramon to provide historical input, and David Ricks. Emily Anderson mentioned that recent updates have been made so she advised us to revisit the website again. With that in mind, Amy Blaida, Marcello and I need to check the website prior to scheduling a big meeting with FAC reps (Emily and Ashley), Ramon Gavarrete, and David Ricks. Chris Simpron will send out a doodle poll for availability.

m. **Sponsorships - Amy Blaida**

Amy said she has not done her full force yet on her efforts to increase sponsorships. Plans to bring back the photo booth. Will be in good shape for the Orlando conference in June. Plans to start ramping up next month. She anticipates having new sponsors again.

n. **Newsletter – Jamie Brooks (not present)**

Chad said Jamie sent some emails out requesting for information. David Ricks mentioned that he sent an article for the newsletter. Emily Anderson confirmed that Marcello Tavernari was not included in the meeting invite since he is a newcomer who volunteered to assist Chris Simpron and Amy Blaida on the FACERS website update. Amy will provide Emily with Marcello's email address so he can be included in the future meetings.

1. **New Business:**

a. NACE annual conference

2. **Open Forum**

Ramon Gavarrete provided an update for the NACE fly-in with 16 states. They have a very productive meeting with the Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) staff member, who's a direct assistant to Chairman Graves, the current Chairman of the T&I Committee. Ramon mentioned that this is the Chairman's last opportunity to pass a bill, but we really don't know if we will get one. There was a "Back to Basics" approach sponsored by a junior Senator and junior House of Representative. It passed both the house and the senate so if it is codified and entered into the transportation bill that means that the gains that we had in the past transportation bill will continue and maybe hopefully something more which is good news. AASHTO published their own White Paper. Closed the day with a very good meeting with the administrator of FHWA, Sean McMaster. They were told that when they took over the administration, there were over 300,000 pending agreements that the previous administration did not execute. They are now processing these agreements to be executed such as RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity), SS4A (Safe Streets For All), etc. Ramon mentioned that if we have any federal grant agreement issues, email him so he can provide a point of contact at the federal level. He added that FEMA cancelled their meeting but not EPA, White House, T&I and FHWA and were very pleased with the outcome of the NACE fly-in.

Ramon Gavarrete brought for discussion regarding free registration with FDOT representatives. He will prepare a Resolution that will go to the Board in June for adoption and basically memorialize in a Resolution that FDOT, FHWA, and NACE

representatives get free registration to our conferences. The Resolution will also limit the number of attendees from these agencies. Amy Blaida suggested two people for each agency and the rest will have to pay.

3. **Next meeting:** Scheduled June 26,2026 – 8:30 AM – Hilton Orlando

4. **Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 9:55 AM.

5. **Attendees:**

Chad Williams, David Ricks, Ramon Gavarrete, George Gadiel, Spencer Anderson, Christopher Simpron, Emily Anderson, Amy Blaida, and Scott Herring