



Agenda

Board of Directors Meeting

June 26, 2026 - 8:30 AM EST

Hilton Orlando
Lake Virginia Room

1. **Call to Order:** Chad Williams at 8:30 am
2. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. Secretary's Minutes – Chris Simpron presented minutes from last meeting.
Motion to approve: David Ricks; Second: Scott Herring; Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer's Report - Spencer Anderson presented report on year-to-date expenses. (See attached Treasurer's Report)
Motion to approve: Deborah Snyder; Second: Judith Clarke
 - c. Vice President's Report - David Ricks
Presentations are good. Time length of presentations worked well. Discussion of future conference timing to allow for morning break in alignment with FAC schedule. Another consideration is to include an opportunity for lunch in the Exhibit Hall. "Laws and Rules for Florida Engineers" is being considered for a presentation session during the upcoming fall meeting. The presentation "Laws and Rules for Florida Engineers" would be provided by Larry Hagan. Advertisement for "Laws and Rules for Florida Engineers" would be in advance of the upcoming fall meeting to notify potential attendees.
3. **Committee Reports and Updates:**
 - a. **Membership** – David Ricks
Annual membership fees to be collected for unpaid members. Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) at three percent (3%) is expected for 2027 Membership Dues. Membership drive will close next week.
 - b. **Budget** – Ramon Gavarrete
Good financial standing. Thanks to sponsorship and Amy. We will approve budget in November. Board previously authorized \$5,000 increase to university scholarships. Jim to coordinate with UCF regarding available scholarship funds.
 - c. **FAC Update** – Emily Anderson
Request for 2026 Fall Meeting presentations will be sent out in Last week of July 2026. Registration for 2026 Fall Meeting will open at the end of September. Attendance keeps growing. One hundred hotel rooms were added for this session. Fall meeting may include a golf tournament. Amy to assist with coordination of 2026 Fall Meeting golf tournament.
 - d. **NACE** - George Gadiel
NACE Conference in Arlington, Texas, on April 13-16, 2026, was well attended. NACE is doing well financially with adopted dues membership format. Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) at three percent (3%) is expected for 2027 Membership Dues. NACE committees are available for those interested. Monthly connect for PDH's from sponsors of NACE. (NACE

Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Nebraska on October 12th-14th 2026)- Can you please verify this information? I don't think NACE holds Fall Meetings. NACE is an affiliate of NACo and NACo will hold its Fall Board of Directors Meeting in North Carolina on December 3-5, 2026. 2027 NACE Conference is April 5th-8th in Cleveland, Ohio. 2028 NACE Conference to be hosted in Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2029 NACE Conference to be hosted in Nebraska. 2030 NACE Conference expected to be hosted in Orlando, Florida. FACERS and NACE joint conference is being planned for April 2030 in Orange County, Florida.

e. **Legislative** – Ramon Gavarrete discussed; Cate Thompson (not present)

Chris Simpron testified and did a great job. Bills that did not pass will come back. Provide fast responses when called on for assistance regarding information on how a bill would impact our county or municipality. Donations cannot be made from FACERS due to public funding. Private firms and vendors can provide donations towards education on upcoming bills and what is at stake. Current property tax bill appears like a tax shift and not a tax cut. Statute for FDOT is being looked at for counties and municipalities, where a county or municipality would be required to release the engineers estimate when requested for information following an award. House Bill 1217 passed and will become effective on July 1st. House Bill 1217 states that a government entity may not use, pay or distribute public funds in any manor that supports, implements, or advances a net zero policy by doing one of the following: using public finds to pay dues, memberships fees, subscription fees, or charitable contributions to any non-governmental agency or other private organization including any trade organization or organization that adopts a net zero, requires adoption of or any commitment to support a net zero policy, sponsorship, membership, or uses such funds to advocate for a net zero policy. ASCE, APWA, NACO have something related to net zero. House Bill 1134 is the same thing with DEI. Cannot pay member dues for a corporation that has a DEI policy. FAC does not have any conflict.

f. **Awards** – George Gadiel

Two awards were handed out this week. Amy and George to discuss future awards which may include a luncheon. Arnesa Zunic to assist with awards and coordination with local APWA.

g. **Scholarships** – Marcy Cook

Jim coordinated with his scholarship liaisons. High school applier who was accepted as the recipient for UCF. Recipient to be invited to accept award at future conferences. Dinner to be paid for recipient. Request to collect total dollar amount donated by FACERS towards scholarships. FACERS liaisons requested to stay in contact with the assigned universities. (Ramon Gavarrete– FIU); Brian Singleton– UF); (USF – Deborah Snyder); (UCF – Jim Stivender); (FSU – verify in previous meeting minutes; per the Nov. 21, 2025 meeting minutes, there is no assigned person, minutes only reference the endowment office).

Ramon:

Motion for FIU scholarship endowment agreement to include sophomores (in addition to juniors and seniors) as accepted applicants for scholarships, include Interdisciplinary Engineering and Environmental (in addition to civil engineering and construction management), and increase funding to \$30,000 (from current principle of \$25,000).

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

h. **Greenbook** – Brian Singleton

Annual meeting was held in April. Working on the 17th Edition. Moving towards a numbered edition instead of annual editions. Reformatting to make the Greenbook more

user friendly. Working on supplemental design guide manuals and changes to the rule making process for Greenbook. Jackie was here at FACERS. Next year Jackie will try her best to not schedule the Greenbook review meeting during NACE in April.

i. **LAP Community of Practice** – Chad Williams (no update as of this time)

Last meeting was in August with previous update provided in November. Next meeting is expected for August or September 2026. Following notification of scheduled date for upcoming meeting, Chad will send out a notification to members if there's any topics we would like to discuss. This committee is now meeting only once per year. Signalization agreements with counties are the main discussion at these meetings. This is our opportunity to get information from FDOT with any issues, and our avenue for FDOT funding or partnership with counties. LAP is not just for federally funded projects.

j. **LTAP** – Chad Williams discussed; Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR (not present)

Email was received right before this meeting and will be distributed following this meeting.

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

No update to provide.

l. **Website** – Chris Simpron discussed

Meeting was held with Amy, Marcello, Chris, and Amy. Amy provided an update; meeting was held in the middle of May 2026. Updates are close to being completed. Moving forward Kevin Trimble (New FACERS Secretary) will assist with future updates on the website. Chris will coordinate with Kevin on meeting minutes. Meeting minutes are planned to be uploaded to the website along with relevant content for transparency and member engagement.

m. **Sponsorships** - Amy Blaida

We made a record again with a total of \$46,500. Three years ago, at this conference we were at around \$29,000. There has been a lot of growth in the past few years. We will work on golf sponsorships, and lunch sponsorships for box-lunches. Some sponsors have requested increases to a role as higher than a gold sponsor. Social was well attended this year. Plans to revamp the sponsorships. Board discussed holding the main social on Wednesday (from 5:30-7pm) instead of Thursday, as some attendees depart early. Not all sponsors (including new sponsors) were not in attendance at the Thursday night social. Possibly holding a welcome reception on Tuesdays from 6-8pm sponsored by FAC.

n. **Newsletter** – Jamie Brooks

Summer newsletter will give a preview of the fall and our upcoming conference. Email will be sent out requesting information from members. Awards will be included. Newsletter will go through constant contact, distributed to the membership, and posted to the website.

1. **New Business:**

a. **FAC/FACERS Banking Agreement** – Emily Anderson

FAC is changing banks from Truist to Capital City Bank Group (Tallahassee). Needs approval from group.

Motion to approve: Scott Herring; Second: Judith Clarke; Motion passed unanimously

b. **State/Federal Agencies Registration Fees** – Chad Williams

Resolution during November meeting to remove waivers for registration fees. Chad sent out information to board members which specifically calls out FDOT, FHWA, and NACE.

Motion to approve: Spencer Anderson; Second: Brian Singleton; Motion passed

unanimously

c. **FIU Endowment** – Emily Anderson

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2. **Open Forum**

a. **Signalized Middle U-Turn** – Spencer Anderson

Signalized middle u-turn on a state road. The main intersection includes one mast arm, and the middle portions for the u-turns include two additional mast arms. The format presents itself as three intersections. The state is currently trying to reimburse for only one intersection in an ongoing Sarasota County project.

b. **Next meeting presentations** – Spencer Anderson

Potential for including a presentation to discuss property tax impacts and adjustments if the bill passes (pending results of the November elections). Discuss county and municipality requirements to practice reduction of 10% prior to bill going into action. Email response to November presentation solicitation will document with intent to present this topic at the upcoming November meeting. Request for suggestions of topics. New and innovative concepts requested in addition to maintenance topics to include more information for roadway superintendents. Concrete batch truck presentation to be discussed by Brian at November presentation. E-bike ordinance was vetoed. Request for more presentations to include topics of leadership.

c. **ICG County Leadership Academy** – Ramon Gavarrete

Three-day leadership training event. It is intended for people who are seen to have leadership potential and provide training to assist them as they move up within their organization. Request for FACERS to contribute \$5000 to ICG to help keep the fees lower for attendees.

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

3. **Next meeting:** Tentative – August 14, 2026

4. **Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 10:12 am

5. **Attendees:**

David Ricks, Spencer Anderson, Christopher Simpron, Kevin Trimble, Chad Williams, George Gadiel, Ramon Gavarrete, Judith Clarke, Scott Herring, Deborah Snyder, Brian Singleton, Amy Blaida, Marcy Cook, Arnesa Zunic, George Dzama, Jaime Brooks, Jim Stivender Jr.,