



Agenda

Board of Directors Meeting

August 14, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order – President, David L. Ricks, P.E.

2. Officer Reports:

- a. Secretary's Minutes – Kevin Trimble presented minutes from last meeting.
Motion to approve: Judith Clarke; Second: Scott Herring; Motion Passed unanimously.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Chris Simpron presented report on year-to-date expenses.
Motion to approve: Amy Blaida; Second: Pei-Sung Lin

2025-2026 FACERS Treasurer's Expense Report (as of 08/13/2026)				
Date	Payee	Expense Type	Expense Description	Amount
7/7/2026	Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida	Donation	Premium-plus Sponsorship-18th Annual Lunchtime Concert - Steve Ferrell	\$1,000.00
7/7/2026	Hardee County	Travel	2026 NACE Travel Reimbursement for Christopher Simpron - Hotel & Registration	\$1,803.79
6/22/2026	DPS-Design & Print Solutions	Operational	FACERS Banners for 2026 Annual Conference	\$567.00
6/30/2026	FAC	Operational	FACERS Expenses Paid By FAC	\$5,966.64
Total Expenses By Category				
			Donation	\$ 1,000.00
			Operational	\$ 6,533.64
			Scholarship	\$ -
			Travel	\$ 1,803.79
				check \$ 9,337.43

- c. Vice President's Report – Spencer Anderson
Deadline for FACERS' Call for Presentations (August 31, 2026)

3. Committee Reports and Updates:

- a. Membership – Spencer Anderson
FACERS memberships are for the individual. Some FACERS members have shown up to events and assumed their employer held a company membership with FACERS. Membership for partial year and late payment was discussed. Annual membership will remain constant for all individuals. Partial year or event membership will not be offered at this time.
- b. Budget – Ramon Gavarrete
FACERS is under budget by \$3,000 this year, and county/city funding is down \$1,100. FACERS remains in good financial standing. Thanks to sponsorship and Amy.
- c. FAC Update – Emily Anderson
The FAC Innovation & Policy Conference will be held at the Hilton Mayo Clinic in Duval County. Information on and to register for the 2-day event can be found [HERE](#). FAC's policy development process for the 2026-27 Legislative Action Plan is now underway. Every year, the priorities FAC carries to the Florida Legislature come directly from our member counties to create FAC's Legislative Action Plan. The submission window is open now through September 2, 2026. Information on and the submission process on county policy proposals can be found [HERE](#).

The FAC Legislative Conference will take place December 2-4, 2026 at the *Sawgrass Marriott* in St. Johns County. Held in conjunction with the FAC Legislative Conference is the 2026 FACERS Fall Meeting. Registration for both event will open in late September – **PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE A HOTEL AT THE HOST HOTEL.** The call for presentations is live on the FACERS website [HERE](#) and is being distributed to all members, former conference attendees and presenters. The deadline to submit a presentation for consideration is August 31, 2026.

Ashley has completed all the requested website updates per meeting with the website committee. If there are further updates, please send email with requested updates to eanderson@fl-counties.com.

FACERS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting finished 147 attendees for the two-day meeting. The social was held at Dave & Busters on Thursday evening. The annual conference expenses will not be reconciled until mid-September as FAC has only just received the master bill from the Hilton Orlando. Ramon and his staff are working on the PDH certificates and we hope to have distributed to all attendees by the end of August.

FACERS Membership

The 2026 FACERS membership drive kicked off on January 5, 2026 and closed July 1. Marketing materials were distributed on a weekly basis. The 2026 FACERS membership drive concluded with **135** members. The breakdown of members is as follows:

- 62 County Members
- 26 Counties
- 7 Municipal Members
- 40 Sustaining

FACERS finished with **137** total members in 2025.

Amendment 3

Amy has forwarded an email today's date regarding the above. FAC staff is attending the Vote No Amendment 3 Florida stakeholders meeting on August 19th in Tallahassee. For sharing on your personal social media for education purposes, FAC has the following:

<https://www.fl-counties.com/understanding-floridas-property-tax-system/>

As a 501C3, FACERS can take a position on an item like "Vote No on 3". FACERS has been approved by FAC counsel and legal team to fund and give reason for supporting "Vote No on 3". Individual member names will not be included.

Statement of FACERS support for "Vote No on 3" was proposed:

"FACERS supports a NO vote on Amendment 3 because of concerns that substantial reductions in recurring local ad valorem revenue could constrain the long-term planning, maintenance and delivery of county and municipal roads, bridges, stormwater systems and other critical infrastructure."

Motion to approve: Amy Blaida; Second: Spencer Anderson; Motion Passed unanimously.

FACERS to donate \$5,000 in support of "Vote No on 3"

Motion to approve: Ramone Gavarrete; Second: Chad Williams; Motion Passed unanimously.

Counties and cities can hold townhall meetings to discuss Amendment #3. Website (www.votenoamendment3.com) presents impacts the approval of Amendment #3 could bring for areas throughout Florida.

d. NACE – George Gadiel

Details of the Fall Meeting and upcoming events will be discussed in October.

Multiple organizations (such as NACE, FAC, FACERS, APWA) are being coordinated with for a special event during 2030 in Orlando, Florida.

NACE President mentioned other states such as Nebraska, Texas, and Wisconsin are going through similar situations to Florida's "Vote No on 3".

e. Legislative – Cate Thompson

Legislative items were covered earlier in meeting agenda discussions.

f. Awards – George Gadiel

Updates will be discussed in October.

g. Scholarships – Marcy Cook (not present)

Brian Singleton: request to approve \$5,000 check for scholarships to Florida International University (FIU).

Motion to approve: Scott Herring; Second: Christopher Simpron; Motion Passed unanimously.

h. Greenbook – Brian Singleton

As you are aware, FDOT is developing a companion document to the Florida Greenbook, the "Florida Greenbook Roadway Design Guide." Jacqui with FDOT is seeking a handful FACERS members to interview and provide feedback that are not currently involved with the Greenbook nor on the Greenbook Committee. I've included a list below of proposed members for feedback; please provide concurrence, alternative suggestions or decline if you do not have capacity to provide feedback.

Proposed members for interviews/feedback:

- David Ricks – Palm Beach County
- Chris Simpron – Hardee County
- Kevin Trimble – Hillsborough County
- Chad Parker – Columbia County
- Carolyn Eastwood – Sarasota County
- Brent Pell – Leon County
- George Dzama – Town of Jupiter

Members already on Committee:

- Shane Parker – Hendry County
- Nikesh Patel – City of Sarasota
- Ramon D. Gavarrete – Alachua County
- Chance Powell – Walton County
- Deborah Snyder – Sumter County
- Todd Crosby – Hernando County
- Myself

UF Scholarship

I was able to make contact with the appropriate personnel at UF to obtain the endowment

information and it is attached. The only specification for awardees is “deserving undergraduate students in the Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering.” We can discuss if we would like to make any adjustments during our next board call. Once I have feedback, I will work with UF on the invoicing for the additional contribution.

They will keep me posted on the next award cycle. They do not have a set schedule. Their process is to award all other UF wide scholarships and College of Engineering Scholarship prior to award of this one to ensure that someone that isn’t receiving other scholarships has access to this one.

i. LAP Community of Practice – Chad Williams

FACERS Board would prefer to hear from LAP President instead of a representative at future meetings. LAP President needs to be requested to present at the Fall FACERS Meeting and future events ahead of time.

j. LTAP – Pei-Sung Lin, CUTR

Below are the upcoming trainings which will be facilitated by the Florida LTAP Center. Please share the following training information with your employees and help promote the training for us.

- **Developing and Implementing Transportation Management Plans, 3-part webinar series** – Begins August 31
 - Registration link: <https://floridaltap.org/developing-and-implementing-transportation-management-plans-webinar/>
- **Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety in Work Zones In-Person Training (Tampa and Miami) – September 22 in Miami and September 24 in Tampa**
 - Registration link: <https://floridaltap.org/commercial-motor-vehicle-safety-in-work-zones/>
- **Practices & Innovations for Queue Protection Truck Deployment in Work Zone In-Person Training (Orlando) – September 23**
 - Registration link: <https://floridaltap.org/practices-and-innovations-for-queue-protection-truck-deployment-in-work-zones/>
- **Signing, Pavement Markings and the MUTCD, 3-part webinar series** – Begins October 9
 - Registration link: <https://floridaltap.org/signing-pavementmarkings-mutcd/>
- **Basic Highway Plan Reading, 3-part webinar series** – Begins October 12
 - Registration link: <https://floridaltap.org/basic-highway-plan-reading/>

k. T-Squared – Nithin Agarwal (Not Present)

l. Website – Chris Simpson

Ashley Copeland and Amy Blaida have been providing updates to the FACERS website including newly appointed FACERS Board Member designations and requested updates to FACERS Board Member information. Upcoming website update will include FACERS statement regarding “Vote No on 3”.

m. Sponsorships – Amy Blaida

Premium Sponsorship of \$7,500 and welcome reception on Wednesday will be added for 2026 Fall FACERS Meeting. Future plans will limit the amount of talking from all sponsorship levels at the social event starting with the upcoming Fall Meeting.

n. Newsletter – Jamie Brooks

Thank you for providing responses and updates. Email address updates will be made for Cate Thompson and Marcy Cook.

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Follow up is needed for recently completed Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the 2026 FACERS Annual Meeting.

4. New Business:

a. Tour for fall conference

Technical Tour of Duval Asphalt and ATS with take home information for attendees. Set up an RSVP for those who would like to attend on Tuesday for an educational event. This tour would be run separately from FACERS registration. ATS would need to provide all necessary means. CEUs may be able to be provided by FACERS. Registered list can be sent to ATS so they can send their Tuesday Tour invite to those registered. PDH list will be provided by Ramone Gavarrete to Emily Anderson.

5. Open Forum

a. Register early for Fall Meeting and secure hotel registration.

b. Emails sent via Constant Contact have been found in "Promotions Folder" and could sometime be found in a "Junk Folder" due to it being a reoccurring mass email list.

6. Next meeting: Tentative – October 9, 2026

7. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 10:19 am (EST)

8. Attendees:

David Ricks, Spencer Anderson, Christopher Simpron, Kevin Trimble, Chad Williams, George Gadiel, Ramon Gavarrete, Judith Clarke, Scott Herring, Brian Singleton, Amy Blaida, Cate Thompson, Pei-Sung Lin, Jaime Brooks, Emily Anderson