

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Report

Mr. Koons reported that Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Demps, Vice-Mayor Mortimer and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tampa on August 22, 2025. He stated the Policy Board heard a presentation from Jason Lauritsen, Chief Conservation Officer, Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation. Mr. Koons noted the Policy Board accepted Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and received a financial report. Finally, he reported the Policy Board also adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, received a legislative report and elected officers for the 2025-26 Policy Board Executive Committee.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the September 2025 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2026 Legislature Session will convene on January 13, 2026 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 13, 2026. Mr. Koons reported that the legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of October 6-10, 2025
- Week of October 13-17, 2025
- Week of November 3-7, 2025
- Week of November 17-21, 2025
- Week of December 1-5, 2025
- Week of December 8-12, 2025

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Demps invited Council members to attend the Smokin' in the Pines Bar-B-Que Festival in Perry on September 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. and September 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Vice-Chair Perkins stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on October 23, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

10/23/25
Date