In Attendance:

**County Representatives:**
Commissioner Bryan Lober, Brevard County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Jeff Gold, Marion County
Commissioner David Moore, Marion County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Commissioner Amy Lockhart, Seminole County
Volusia Chair Ed Kelley, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives:**
Council Member Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)
Council Member Dina Sweatt, Lake County League of Cities (City of Groveland)
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)
Commissioner Chris Cloudman, Volusia League of Cities (City of DeLand)
Commissioner Julian Green (City of Wildwood)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**
Chair John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**
Mr. Jeremy Upchurch for Ms. Judy Pizzo, Florida Department of Transportation
Ms. Susan Davis, St. Johns River Water Management District
Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District

**Other Attendees:**
Mr. Ken Weyrauch, Marion County
Mr. Dan Zhu, Marion County
Mr. David Bottomley, Orange County citizen

**Members not in Attendance:**
Commissioner Curt Smith, Brevard County
Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County
Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Commissioner Peggy Choudhry, Osceola County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
Council Member Billie Wheeler, Volusia County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
I. **Call to Order and General Business**
- Chair Parks called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
- Ms. Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present.
- Commissioner Lober led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Consent Agenda**
- September 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- August and September 2019 Financial Reports
- FY2019 Proposed Year-End Budget Amendment

As there were no objections to the three items on the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Lober made a motion to approve and Council Member Sweatt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the Minutes, the Financial Reports and the FY2019 Proposed Year-End Budget Amendment passed unanimously.

III. **Public Comments/Announcements**
Mr. David Bottomley, an Orange County citizen, commented on the M-CORES Task Force Program and that it is being recorded on the Florida Channel and may be on the Florida M-CORES site. He stated it is a process and will take time to evaluate.

IV. **Presentation: Sumter County Update – The City of Wildwood – Commissioner Julian Green and Mr. David McMahan**
Commissioner Julian Green introduced Mr. David McMahan, Wildwood City Planner, who gave a presentation on the history and growth in the city. As a result of the Villages pending annexation of 8,000 acres, its population growth, and ancillary need, Wildwood has grown dramatically over the past ten years. He also discussed two mixed use communities, a Complete Streets Initiative in their downtown, and The Villages Grown (a greenhouse distribution center for The Villages, Wildwood and Sumter County).
Discussions continued on the impact of M-CORES, the northern Turnpike connector, and on the City of Wildwood and annexations. Commissioner Green discussed affordable housing.

V. **Presentation: What the ECFRPC Emergency Preparedness Program Does for Our Partners – Ms. Michelle Cechowski**

Ms. Michelle Cechowski, Emergency Preparedness Manager for the ECFRPC, gave an overview of the Emergency Preparedness Department duties which include: writing plans for cities and counties; writing, coordinating and participating in exercises; teaching and attending training courses; LEPC Coordination for the region; annual Florida HazMat Symposium; Hazard Analysis; and Technical Assistance.

Discussions continued on the cost of typical training exercises and Ms. Cechowski stated that it depends on the size of the exercise but the recent exercise for Orange County Public Schools cost approximately $100,000. There was also a discussion on ICS 300 and 400 training courses. Ms. Cechowski replied that since she is a certified trainer, she can teach at no cost, there just needs to be a request.

VI. **Presentation: “How Did We Grow” – Ms. Tara McCue, Mr. PJ Smith**

Mr. PJ Smith, Planner for the ECFRPC, provided a history of the “How Shall We Grow” regional vision. The partners, the ECFRPC, MetroPlan Orlando, and the Orlando Economic Partnership, developed an analysis to gauge the growth in East Central Florida from 2007 to 2017. The analysis was compared to the “How Shall We Grow” vision in order to determine where progress has been made. A survey was then created, based on the analysis, “How Shall We Grow” vision, and the previous myregion survey, to engage residents and businesses on how the region has implemented their vision and identify opportunities. Discussions in January will focus on how to advance the survey and utilize the findings.

VII. **Planning Director’s Report**

Ms. Tara McCue gave a report on the ECF Regional Resilience Signing Ceremony which took place October 23rd. Presenters included Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, Chief Resilience Officer, Executive Office of the Governor; ECFRPC Chairman Sean Parks; Ms. Whitney Grey, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and ECFRPC Past Chair and a member of the Council Sub Committee, Mr. John Lesman.

VIII. **Executive Director’s Report**

- **FRCA Retreat** – The mission of this retreat was how to get all ten RPC’s to work together better and to take advantage of the talents and strengths of each to make the RPCs stronger as a whole.

- **M-CORES Task Force Program** – Mr. Harling discussed the map of the corridors and stated that the first meeting was all about organizational issues and this meeting regarded environmental issues to help identify major issues associated in all of the three corridors – the Southwest-Central Florida Connector, the Suncoast Connector and the Northern Turnpike Connector. Mr. Harling was appointed as a member of the Northern Turnpike Connector Task Force. Meetings will continue through September 2020 with the Task Force’s final report due to the Governor and Legislature by October 1, 2020.
• ECFRPC Budget – Mr. Harling discussed how well the staff and the RPC on a whole did this past year and anticipates a year-end balance of approximately $200,000. He also thanked all the members for paying their dues in a timely manner.

IX. Chair’s Report
• Commissioner Parks thanked Mr. Harling and the Staff for the fiscally good news.
• FRCA Policy Board Appointment ratifications: Commissioner Sean Parks, Mr. John Lesman, and alternate, Commissioner Emily Bonilla. Commissioner Lober made a motion to approve the recommendations and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the FRCA Policy Board appointments were approved.
• National Association of Regional Councils – Commissioner Constantine provided a brief synopsis of the 2019 Executive Directors Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.
• Commissioner Constantine also recognized Council Member Randels for his work on the Council. Commissioner Parks agreed and thanked Council Member Randels as well for his service and commitment.

X. Brief County and City Updates – County Representatives
• Brevard County – Commissioner Lober asked about the Space Coast League of Cities regarding the reappointment of Council Member Randels to the Council and whether a motion and vote by the Council can take place to make the recommendation. He also stated that on November 19th, at the next Brevard BOCC, one of the items on the Agenda is a Resolution recognizing Council Member Randels and his dedication and commitment throughout the years. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Mr. Livingston stated that, since the item was not on today’s Agenda, the Chair would have to first declare an emergency to add the item to the Agenda since action items must be advertised. Then a motion and vote can take place. It was decided that this was not an emergency. Commissioner Constantine recommended the Chair write a letter instead. Chair Parks decided that this would be the best form of action at this time.
• Lake County – Commissioner Parks stated that they have several events coming up and he would submit a report of events and then send to staff for distribution. Council Member Sweatt discussed a recent two-day festival and how they are trying to have one every month.
• Marion County – Commissioner Moore discussed the opportunity to plan together with Sumter to make the comprehensive plans match.
• Orange County – No representative present for update.
• Osceola County – No representative present for update.
• Seminole County – Commissioner Lockhart stated that their Board was reorganized last night and Commissioner Zembour is now the Chair and Commissioner Constantine is the Vice Chair. They had a retreat recently facilitated by Larry Ross of Florida Southern College, who was a great facilitator, for the Board and Executives to talk about strategic planning and prioritization of focus areas. She also asked if anyone had been looking at the CDBG mitigation grant and asked if a briefing could be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Constantine discussed the traveling Vietnam memorial which was recently brought to Ft. Mellon Park and how moving it was. He highly recommended it to other counties.
• Sumter County – No representative present for update.
Volusia County – Council Member Kelley discussed an elected officials round table held recently which involved all 16 mayors, the school board, and county reps. One of the items presented was Smart Growth. He is interested to see what the survey and study outcomes show. He stated he is happy they have the report and the process.

City of DeLand – Commissioner Cloudman discussed the Volusia water alliance, the 4th annual water symposium, and impacts of water use in the region. Also, the City of DeLand is currently updating their 2050 plan.

Commissioner Parks also thanked Mr. Lesman for his service as Chair.

XI. Next ECFRPC Council Meeting: January 15, 2020

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.