

# OVERVIEW

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# **2022 Legislative Update**

### By: Jim Barnes,

A delayed end to the 2022 legislative session perfectly punctuated this year's gathering, noted for its inability to produce a congressional map reflecting the 2020 census or a timely budget, but moving at full speed to pass controversial culture war bills and other constitution-defying legislation. Even if it ran a little long, the 2022 legislative session is over. With a scheduled adjournment on Friday, March 11th, lawmakers had to return the following Monday to vote on a massive \$112.1 billion budget. When all was said and done, lawmakers returned to Tallahassee three days after what was the official end of the session to pass the largest-ever state budget, and bring an end to the melee.

There were plenty of controversial, hot-button issues. Including abortion, critical race theory, school textbook review, sex education and LGBTQ rights. These took up a lot of debate time but this Legislature still managed to pass 285 bills, the most since 2013. If there is one word that sums up the 2022



session it might be "MONEY." There was a lot of it and a lot of it got spent. With state coffers reinforced with billions in federal aid and a rebounding economy that caused tax collections to consistently beat estimates, lawmakers had more money than they had projects. The new budget is a 10.2 percent increase over last year's, following another 10.2 percent increase in 2021. The \$43.7 billion in General Revenue (GR) spending is an increase of nearly 20 percent. The budget is now \$20 billion bigger than it was two years ago, not to mention the spending of billions in federal funds that are not included in these totals. The budget includes substantial increases in education, environmental, health care spending, and state employees are getting a 5.4 percent pay raise. Of course, legislators got an unprecedented amount of their local projects to take back home. There is also significant tax relief of \$658 million, with most of it going to individual taxpayers, with relatively little targeted at businesses. All this with still nearly \$10 billion in GR reserves leftover (including two new reserve funds).

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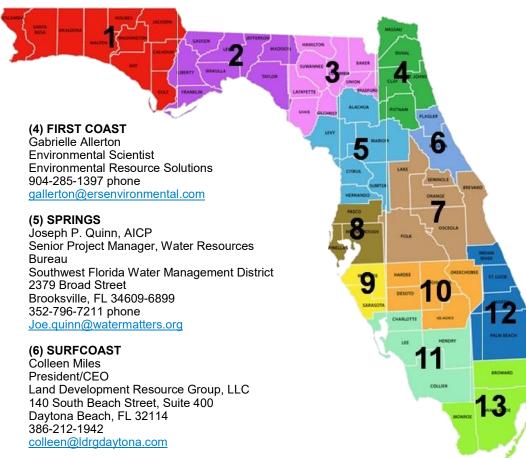
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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello I can't believe it is already Spring! This past year has flown by and included several notable changes for the FPZA, including an updated website rollout, a new Administrative Coordinator, and our first ever virtual 2021 State Conference. It has also been a year full of engaging chapter educational events, regional forums, and state board meetings.

I would like to extend thanks to each of the chapters that assisted in hosting this year's quarterly meetings, most recently the Springs Chapter for their Spring Regional Forum on the City of Crystal River's downtown and waterfront revitalization. A hearty thank you is extended to Ken Frink, Crystal River City Manager, and Meredith Linley, Executive Director of Crystal River Main Street, for their great presentation and walking tour.

Of specific note this time of year is the upcoming FPZA State Conference. I'm so excited to say that for this year's conference we'll be back in person for informative educational sessions, incredible guest speakers, thrilling mobile tours, social events, professional networking, and presentation of our annual FPZA Planning Awards. This year's conference titled "Outreach, Outplan, Outlast" is scheduled for June 1-3 at the beautiful South Seas Island Resort in Captiva. More information on the State Conference, including sponsorship opportunities and how to register, can be found in this edition of the Overview.

The 2022 FPZA State Conference promises to be an extremely informative venue to discuss and exchange new ideas, innovative solutions, and inspirational planning activities. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference and thank you all again for the amazing opportunity to serve as your President this past year!

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

- Laekin O'Hara
- Eric Raasch
- Kimberly Allerton
- Joseph Barker
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If you are interested in submitting a contribution, or would like additional information, please contact Branden Roe, the Overview Editor at <a href="mailto:broe@broomfield.org">broe@broomfield.org</a>

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# **Legislative Update Continued**

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Using \$37 million in federal money to raise the current state budget by 10%, legislators funded some very necessary matters including extending VISIT Florida, strengthening sea level rise resiliency, expanding broadband to unserved areas, adding financial literacy to graduation requirements, tax holidays, expanding telehealth, providing education and employment incentives for probationers, expanding criminal record expunction for juveniles who complete a diversion program, extending COVID-19 liability protections for health care providers, affordable housing, and a proposed constitutional amendment to the November ballot that would create a new \$50,000 homestead exemption for teachers, law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, and other front-line workers. Ironically, the budget includes a monthlong gas sales tax holiday to be held just before the November midterm elections - using \$200 million in funds provided by the Biden administration.

Legislators, however, missed opportunities in the budget to address a ballooning crisis in the property insurance market, where residents are being priced out of traditional providers and even Citizens Property Insurance of last resort. There were also important bills that didn't pass, including condominium inspection and building safety reform, new consumer data privacy protection, and Personal Injury Protection repeal. Given the mix of what passed vs. what didn't, it might be fair to say that this session was more about how ideas "make people feel," rather than the bills' actual policy impact.

# **2022 Conference Preview**

We hope to see you at this year's State Conference being held on Captiva Island from June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come experience the Island as a real survivor! The session topics include, but are not limited to, law, ethics, code writing, environmental, and the required AICP topics of equity and resiliency/ sustainability.



Our keynote speaker will be author, Tim Dorsey. If you haven't read his books you're in for a treat! Think serial killer. He is a very entertaining speaker and will have his books available at the conference. A 'welcome reception' sunset cruise is planned for Wednesday, a dinner party with entertainment on Thursday evening, and culminating with the State Awards luncheon on Friday.

There will be pirates, serial killers, attorneys, engineers & planners! There is definitely something for everyone! Come and enjoy – try not to get voted off the island! Visit <a href="https://www.fpzasurfcoast.org">www.fpzasurfcoast.org</a> for conference details.

## **ABOUT THE OVERVIEW**

The Overview is a quarterly newsletter published by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. The contents of these newsletters include contributions from our members across the state. The issues are issues in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall following the quarterly Board of Director's meetings.

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# Winter Regional Forum Recap

### By: Joe Quinn

The Springs Chapter hosted the Spring Regional Forum at Amy's on the Avenue in historic downtown Crystal River on Friday, April 1, 2022. The event included a delicious lunch in Amy's eclectic event room and an overview of the City's downtown and waterfront revitalization efforts.

Our two amazing speakers were Ken Frink, Crystal River City Manager, and Meredith Linley, Executive Director of Crystal River Main Street, who provided an engaging presentation on the City's business development activities, their community and civic area planning initiatives, and the King's Bay River Walk progress. After the lunch and formal presentation, a walking tour of the downtown and completed River Walk sections provided opportunity to see some of the successful projects to date and discuss the City's future planned activities.



# ABOUT THE FLORIDA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION

The Florida Planning and Zoning Association was founded in 1951, during the national conference of the American Planning and Civic Association held in Miami. Frank F. Stearns, then Director of Planning for the City of Miami, set up a special meeting for those interested in forming an active State Association. Approximately thirty people attended that historic meeting, representing most of the populated areas of the State.

The purposes of the Association are: to promote cooperation among official planning and zoning boards or commissions, civic bodies, citizens, technicians and students interested in planning and zoning in the State of Florida; to cultivate and stimulate interest in planning and zoning by local governments; to encourage the observance of sound planning and zoning practices; to furnish information, advice and assistance to its members and provide a medium for exchanging information, advice and assistance among them; to engage in research and issue publications on planning and zoning and related matters; to promote and encourage the sound development of land, water and natural resources and the elimination of air and water pollution; and to educate the public and elected and appointed officials in matters pertaining to planning and zoning.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2, 2022

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

The following were present:

JIM BARNES – SOUTH FLORIDA (ZOOM)

JOE QUINN – SPRINGS

PAUL WIECZOREK – SPRINGS

DEBI LACROIX - SURFCOAST

DIANNE CHADWICK - SUNCOAST

THAD CROWE - FIRST COAST (ZOOM)

COLLEEN MILES - SURFCOAST

KATIE LABARR – GULF COAST

BRANDEN ROE – (ZOOM)

SAM CAMP – CENTRAL FLORIDA (ZOOM)

DAN SMITH – CALUSA (ZOOM)

HELEN LAVALLEY – SURFCOAST

GABBY ALLERTON - FIRST COAST

SUZANNE NEVE – BOARD ADMINISTRATOR (ZOOM)

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was determined. President Quinn welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in today's meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

FPZA Administrator, Suzanne Neve, presented the minutes from the October 2021 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Helen LaValley and second was made by Katie LaBarr. The motion carried unanimously. The membership report was presented with all current paid members and prospects in a second tab. We currently have 336 members and 47 agencies.

Helen LaValley noted that we need to go through the individual Chapter Board members and make sure they are all members and if not follow up with them

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JOE QUINN

President Quinn reviewed his focus areas, the first of which includes Continuing Education and looking for a Volunteer to Chair it. Helen asked that we add it to the agenda for the next meeting and she would put some thought into it.

In terms of our Strategic Planning goals there was some discussion about a potential Strategic Planning Session with a facilitator as opposed to discussing option at each Board meeting. The goal of the meeting would be to identify our top 3-4 goals. Currently those priorities that are discussed are Membership, Education and Outreach to Universities to create engagement as a pipeline to membership growth. Branden offered to assist with creating an overall Membership Survey prior to any planning session.

### PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT: DAN SMITH

5 events so far this quarter for CM credit. Dan has all award applications and committee will schedule a meeting to review.

# VP MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT:SAM CAMP

The membership committee has discussed working on reactivating some of our non-active Chapters, especially in areas where there are Universities with potential student members. Sam has offered to create a powerpoint or presentation that can be used by Board members and Chapters when doing potential member outreach.

Sam presented the Chapter Support Guide that he created to assist new Board members and Chapter leaders with the basics of membership. Helen will send feedback and comments to Suzanne. Once final, Suzanne will add to the website and send to all of the Chapters.

Sam also discussed standardizing the renewal process, timeline and communication with members

# VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT: KATIE LABARR

Monthly and Year to Date Financials were presented for discussion and review by those in attendance.

All Chapters have sent in their 2021 Financial Reports and will be sent to the CPA for processing.

Katie will be working on the budget within the next couple of weeks. The group will meet to review the initial budget on April 19th. Suzanne will send the calendar invite.

# 2022 STATE CONFERENCE: COLLEEN MILES reporting on behalf of the committee

All sessions have been filled except for 2. The Surfcoast Chapter would like all of the Chapters to consider Sponsorship. Early Registration deadline is May 4th and the deadline for hotel reservations is May 11th.

The Surfcoast Chapter asked the Board for \$5,000 sponsorship in lieu of \$2,500 seed money this year. The motion was made by Branden and second by Joe to give the Surfcoast Chapter \$5,000 towards the conference without any type of repayment, however if the Surfcoast Chapter incurs a loss as a result of the Conference, there would be no assistance with the shortfall. The motion passed unanimously.

The Conference Committee is working on local tours and a keynote. Hotel reservations are currently surpassing this point from last time (Key West).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

 State Awards Update: All applications are in and the Committee will review on April 15th. The Committee consists of Paul, Colleen, Branden, Dianne and Dan. Colleen will order the awards within the budget. Suzanne will send the Dropbox file with all applicants.

#### **OVERVIEW EDITOR: BRANDEN ROE**

Jim Barnes will do a cover story (Legislative Update). Joe will do a Regional Forum Recap and Word from President. Branden will also include a Member Spotlight on a student member, list of new members, and information on Conference. Surfcoast to send Sponsor Ads to Branden for inclusion in last 2 issues of 2022 and first two issues of 2023.

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

- First Coast Hosted a virtual and inperson legal session and are working on local APA chapter to boost membership and planning an event every month.
- **Springs** Held regional forum for Spring with 9 attendees
- Surfcoast Just hosted the Eco Tour with 15 members. All sessions complete for the remainder of the year.
- Central Florida Hosting two upcoming events - Creating Inclusive Streets and supporting OMS APA with an AICP roundtable discussion with new planners (and trying to build up membership).
- Suncoast Working on hosting the next Regional Forum. Details to be released shortly.
- Gulf Coast Biking Tour in February which had a lot of positive responses. Working on transitioning back to in-person events with field exposure to maintain and grow membership.
- Calusa Hosted a webinar on Tuesday.
   Working hard towards increasing membership.
- Gulfstream/South Florida Looking for new Board members and partnering on events to help grow membership.

**ADJOURN** – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.



# MEMBERSHIP IN FPZA

# LOCAL CHAPTERS

## DUES

To join the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, identify a Chapter containing your location on the list at left. Refer to the current list of Chapter Dues below to determine the appropriate dues amount. These amounts include both State and Local dues.

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Chapter	State Dues	Local Chapter Dues	<b>Total Dues</b>
Apalachee	\$50	\$10	\$60
Calusa	\$50	\$20	\$70
Central Florida	\$50	\$20	\$70
First Coast	\$50	\$35	\$85
Gulfcoast	\$50	\$15	\$65
Gulfstream	\$50	\$15	\$65
Heartland	\$50	\$10	\$60
Northwest	\$50	\$10	\$60
South Florida	\$50	\$10	\$60
Springs	\$50	\$10	\$60
Suncoast	\$50	\$20	\$70
Surfcoast	\$50	\$25	\$75
Suwannee	\$50	\$10	\$60

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- Return your application form with payment to:
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- For questions email: <a href="mailto:info@fpza.org">info@fpza.org</a>

### GROUP MEMBERSHIP (MINIMUM FOUR INDIVIDUALS)

Chapter	State Dues per Person	Local Chapter Dues per Person	Total Dues per Person
Apalachee	\$40	\$8.00	\$48.00
Calusa	\$40	\$15.00	\$55.00
Central Florida	\$40	\$20.00	\$60.00
First Coast	\$40	\$23.00	\$63.00
Gulfcoast	\$40	\$12.00	\$52.00
Gulfstream	\$40	\$15.00	\$55.00
Heartland	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
Northwest	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
South Florida	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
Springs	\$40	\$8.00	\$48.00
Suncoast	\$40	\$13.00	\$53.00
Surfcoast	\$40	\$23.00	\$63.00
Suwannee	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00

### A NOTE ABOUT AGENCY DUES:

The minimum number of individuals for a group is now four, but there is no longer a maximum number; you may add an unlimited number of additional people to your overall group. You now also have the option to pay a group rate for a combined group with members of different local chapters or for combinations of

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