



PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
Meetings Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room
July 14, 2025 (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

PSG Council Member Attendance			
P	Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey, Chair	P	Dr. Mai Keisling
P	Pablo Diaz de Sandi, Vice Chair	E	Linda King
P	Shamika Baker Wright	P	Taylor Mejia Roberts
P	Nicole Hamm ⁽¹⁾	P	Susan Ticker
P	Latrice Carmichael ⁽¹⁾	P	Yildirim “Alex” Sivar
P	James Croft	E	Leofric Thomas, Jr
P	Dr. Thomas Geismar	P	Andrew Williams, Jr.
P	Daniel Henry		

(1) Arrived after the agenda and minutes were approved.

P = Present V = Present (Virtual) E = Excused A = Absent

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff Present: (GCCD Staff) Maribel Hernandez, Jeneen Hampton, Nicoa Garrett, Robin Carter-Tanks
 (OGC) Ashley Smith

I. Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m., by Chair Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey and introductions were made. A quorum was established.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Daniel Henry, seconded by Andrew Williams, Jr., the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on June 9, 2025

Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Alex Sivar, the minutes of June 9, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

V. Committee Reports

A. Budget Committee: Chair Diaz de Sandi reported on the Mayor’s budget presentation. He distributed copies of the Mayor’s proposed General Fund Operating budget with \$7.2M being proposed for Public Service Grants.



- B. Rules Committee:** Chair Henry reported that the committee met on July 9, 2025, to discuss proposed changes to the bylaws. He will defer discussion until the Council discusses old business.
- C. Most Vulnerable Person (MVP) Committee:** Chair Sivar did not have a report for the MVP Committee.
- D. Outreach Ad Hoc Committee:** Chair Mejia Roberts, did not have a report for the Outreach Committee.

VI. Old Business:

A. Outreach Committee

There was discussion on whether the Outreach committee should remain an ad hoc committee or become a standing committee. The chair can maintain as an ad hoc committee. If there is a desire to make this a standing committee, it would have to be done as a bylaws revision. There was a consensus to continue as an ad hoc committee for now and when the Rules Committee meets again in October, it can be revisited then with a proposed purpose and objectives to make it a standing committee.

B. Bylaws Revisions

Rules Committee Chair Henry gave an overview of the bylaws revisions approved by the Rules Committee. After council discussion, and upon a motion by Thomas Geismar the bylaws revisions were unanimously approved as presented. Chair Hervey thanked OGC (Mr. Smith) and the Rules Committee for their work.

VII. New Business

A. Budget Amendments:

1. **Family Support Services (Keeping Families Together):** Octavius Davis explained the request on behalf of the agency. Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Alex Sivar, the budget amendment was unanimously approved as presented.
2. **Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida:** Marcus Haile explained the request on behalf of the agency. Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Susan Ticker, the budget amendment was unanimously approved as presented.

VIII. Announcements/Information Sharing

- A. PSG Annual Report:** Chair Hervey reported that the required annual report was distributed to City Council and the Mayor on June 25, 2025.
- B. Chief Updates:**
 1. **Mayor's Budget Address and Budget Hearings:** Chief Hernandez provided an overview of the Mayor's FY25/26 proposed budget for PSG. The budget will remain at \$7.2 million, if approved. There is no funding included for PSG Micro-Grant Program.



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2. **City Council Assignments:** Chief Hernandez distributed a copy of the new Board assignments for FY25/26. Council Member Lahnen is listed as Council Liaison to the PSG Council.
3. **FY25/26 Grant Applications:** Chief Hernandez provided an overview of the applications received. There were 99 applications received with an unusually high number of disqualified. The PSG Appeal Board meets on Thursday, July 17, 2025.
4. **Scoring Assignments for PSG Council:** Chief Hernandez advised PSG Council members of the category for which they will be scoring. These were selected randomly with four staff present. Any potential conflicts of interest reported have been addressed. PSG Councilmembers are asked to review the list and notify Dr. Garrett by Friday, July 18 if there are any other conflicts.

C. **Mid-Year Survey Result:** Grant Administrator Jeneen Hampton provided an overview of the mid-year survey results from agencies (recipients). A copy will be sent to the PSG Councilmembers.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Daniel Henry, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.