



PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
Meetings Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room
August 11, 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	P	Linda King
P	Shamika Baker Wright	P	Taylor Mejia Roberts ⁽²⁾
P	Nicole Hamm	P	Susan Ticker ⁽¹⁾
P	Latrice Carmichael ⁽¹⁾	P	Yildirim “Alex” Sivar
P	James Croft	P	Leofric Thomas, Jr ⁽¹⁾
P	Dr. Thomas Geismar	P	Andrew Williams, Jr.
P	Daniel Henry ⁽¹⁾		

(1) Arrived after the agenda and minutes were approved. (2) Not present for votes.

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, John Snyder (partial)
(OGC) Ashley Smith
(CM) Michael Boylan

I. Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey and introductions were made. CM Boylan was welcomed as the new PSG Council Liaison. A quorum was established.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Alex Sivar, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on July 14, 2025

Upon motion by Pablo Diaz de Sandi, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the minutes of July 14, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.



V. Committee Reports

- A. **Budget Committee:** No committee report. Chair Diaz de Sandi does not expect to have a report until the mayor's budget is approved.
- B. **Rules Committee:** No committee report. Chair Henry does not expect to have a report until the mayor's budget is approved.
- C. **Most Vulnerable Person (MVP) Committee:** No committee report. Chair Sivar did not have a committee report.
- D. **Outreach Ad Hoc Committee:** No committee report. Vice Chair Ticker did not have a committee report.

VI. Old Business None

VII. New Business

A. Budget Amendment (Changing Homelessness):

Will Evans, Chief of Programs, Changing Homelessness, spoke on behalf of the agency and explained the reason for their budget amendment request. Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Susan Ticker, the budget amendment was unanimously approved, as presented.

B. Year-End Compilation/Analysis of Grantee Data:

Chair Hervey discussed the possibility of hiring an intern/volunteer to compile data as it relates to FY2025 programmatic reporting for agencies. Since this option is not available, Dr. Hervey reached out to Dr. Ahmed. The data from the 4th Quarter Programmatic Report is utilized in both developing the funding request letter and the annual report. Council members were asked to provide names of possible candidates. Vice Chair Diaz de Sandi offered to utilize his expertise to assist in gathering data, if necessary. He knows of a platform to input and analyze data. The FY2024 reports will be provided to review since the FY2025 reports will not be available until November/December. Ms. Ticker will reach out to Dr. Dumont, UNF, and Ms. Carmichael will reach out to JU Public Policy Institute.

VIII. Announcements/Information Sharing

A. Chief Updates

1. FY2026 PSG Application Cycle

- a. **Disqualifications:** Chief Hernandez advised there was an unusually high number of disqualifications. The reasons were all over the place and there was no indication that any of it was related to the Grant Management System. The primary reasons are missing documents. All disqualified applicants had the opportunity to appeal.
- b. **Appeals:** Chief Hernandez gave an update on the PSG Appeals Board hearing which included agencies denied and approved.
- c. **Scoring:** Chief Hernandez polled the Council to determine if any issues were occurring in the scoring process. The council stated that they were not experiencing any significant issues at this time. She advised that the deadline to complete scoring is September 16, 2025.



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2. **Legislative Updates:** Chief Hernandez advised that the mayor's budget hearings are underway. An updated was provided on the following legislation:
 - a. 2025-0509 PSG Budget \$7.2M
 - b. 2025-0528 118 Waiver for Micro-Grant Recipients
 - c. 2025-0532 Transfer of Micro-Grant funding to Technology Solutions
3. **Other:**
 - a. The October 10th meeting will be moved to the previous week in order to be in compliance with ordinance for the approval of the Final Rankings which must take place by the second Friday in October.
 - b. The Chair requested that MVP Committee explore future funding being allocated to the 4th category for the PSG Micro-Grant program.
 - c. The Chair requested that the Budget Committee explore the possibility of using surplus PSG funds to fund the PSG Micro-Grant program. These unused PSG funds revert to the general fund. John Snyder cautioned that this had been explored before and Council Auditor's Office was adamantly against this. Staff was asked to provide the numbers for surplus for the last three years to determine if this is worth pursuing.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion by Alex Sivar, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.