



Minutes of June 30, 2026, Budget Committee Meeting (virtual via Zoom)

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Introduction

Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Chair of the Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

Griffin Kolchakian, CCOC Budget and Communications Director, conducted the roll call.

Present via Zoom: Chair Stacy Butterfield, Clerk Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk Mike Caruso, Clerk Pam Childers, Clerk Gary Cooney, Clerk Nadia Daughtrey, Clerk Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk Brenda Forman, Clerk Greg Godwin, Clerk Tara Green, Clerk Greg James, Clerk Crystal Kinzel, Clerk Grant Maloy, Clerk Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk Clayton Rooks, III, Clerk Laura Roth, Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk Carolyn Timmann.

Absent from Meeting: Clerk Ken Burke, Clerk Matt Brooks, Clerk Michelle Miller.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

Chair Butterfield opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Agenda Item 4 – Approve Minutes from 5/21/26 Meeting

The minutes of the May 21, 2026, meeting were presented for approval.

Clerk Daughtrey motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Clerk Caruso. The motion was adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 5 – Revenue and Expenditures Update

Mr. Kolchakian provided an update on CFY 2025-26 court-related revenues and expenditures to date. Through the first eight months of the fiscal year, clerks collected over \$373 million, which is 9.9% above the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimate to date. Through the first seven months of the fiscal year, court-related expenditures totaled \$284 million, which is 8.6% below the year-to-date straight-line projection.

Agenda Item 6 – Additional Budget Components (ABC) Workgroup Update

Heather Grimes, Chief Administrative Officer in Pasco County, presented the ABC Workgroup's cost-of-living proposals for committee consideration. There was lengthy committee discussion on these items.

Clerk Russell motioned to adopt the Workgroup's Option B proposal with a 6% year-over-year increase floor for all counties. The motion was seconded by Clerk Caruso. The motion was voted down and did not pass.

There was additional committee deliberation. Clerk Fernandez-Barquin proposed amending the percentages of Option A to 95%-5%, instead of 86%-14%, at least for initial implementation.

Clerk Green motioned to move the Workgroup's Option A with a 95%-5% split, Option A with a 90%-10% split, and Option B with a 6% year-over-year increase floor for all counties. The motion was seconded by Clerk Caruso. The motion was adopted with Chair Butterfield and Clerk Kinzel voting nay.

Agenda Item 7 – Funding Allocation Deliberations

This agenda item was discussed and considered as part of Agenda Item 6. Chair Butterfield brought up clarification needed regarding the FRS calculation as part of the approved CFY 2026-27 Base Budget.

Clerk Cooney motioned to not reduce each clerk's Base Budget amount based on the FRS calculation (the CFY 2026-27 Base Budget equals the CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget). The motion was seconded by Clerk Maloy. The motion was adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 8 – No Fee Cases State Appropriation Update

Chair Butterfield provided a brief overview of the non-recurring \$1.83 million State reimbursement funding for clerks' no fee cases. The allocation will be based on actual 2023-24 Baker Act, Marchman Act, and Sexually Violent Predator cases for each county. The CCOC is working with the JAC on this distribution and will send out additional information soon.

Agenda Item 9 – Other Business

Chair Butterfield led a discussion on the upcoming August 19 committee meeting in Orlando. The committee decided to hold optional budget presentations at this meeting. The committee also decided to schedule an additional virtual meeting in early August prior to the August 19 meeting. Griffin will send out potential options to schedule this meeting soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.