

# Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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Communication, & Commitment

<b>Chair</b> Demar Machuca	<b>Vice Chair</b> Chris Stermer	<b>Secretary</b> Tara Miller	<b>Treasurer</b> Jodi Rano
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**Spring Meeting Location:  
Double Tree Jacksonville, FL**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

**8:30am - 9:30am – Officers Meeting (All Officers present)**

*Demar Machuca, FUCC Chair*

Demar opened the meeting at 8:30am. He welcomed the officers to the in-person meeting.

Karen E. noted that there were no speakers for this conference and would email tentative agenda for speakers for Design Build for the April meeting. April will be Telecom.

Discussion regarding need for TCC/MOT volunteer – needing sub-committee possibly Robb Brown. Discussion brought up for need to meet for TCC/MOT on an as needed basis. Robb accepted.

Chris Stermer opened discussion on pay for Lori McLaughlin – Response Jodi Reno stated that this item should be tabled until after the Jacksonville meeting to see if 80 hrs. total for Lori w/ \$5000 cap. Chris S to introduce this at the Steering Committee meeting.

Chris Stermer discussed the new logo search to be membership promotion. Committee needs time frame for the Ocala meeting as current logo items to be moved out.

Discussion on room requirements for Jacksonville meeting. Room requirements have been met.

**9:00am - 9:30am – Steering Committee Meeting**

Chris S. opened the meeting and started topics:

1. Logo competition – to be emailed out with all specs for logo. Jodi R to talk to Melanie about what marketers want/need.
2. Need for TTC/MOT chair – Robb B was mentioned
3. Lori M paying via her contract not to exceed \$5000/meeting by invoice
4. 108 in attendance this session
5. Combine Telecom and UG committees and possibly JU and Power committees
6. Need letter to Pinellas Co to encourage participations – Jodi to supply letter to chair.

Standing Sub-Committees, we have been calling it Program and Conference Planning sub-

committee and the by-laws calls it the Program sub-committee and a Conference Planning sub-committee. The Conference Planning is now a paid position and will need to have the by-laws updated to reflect it. During the business meeting, the Chair can appoint members to the Bylaws sub-committee to recommend changes to the by-laws to the Steering committee in November for approval.

Complaints about the FUCC.Org website and the fact that it is not a secure (https) webpage. Lori McLaughlin stated GoDaddy can fix but needs new platform – site needs to be rebuilt but no additional cost.

Jeanna Dean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Stermer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

**9:45am – 10:45am – Planning Committee, Membership and Promotions, and Banquet Planning**

*Planning committee* chaired by Tara Miller *Duke Energy*

No updates for future programs, hard to have a program on virtual calls.

Still needing to fill Planning Chair

Bryan Lantz suggested someone from FDOT to speak to the future funding stimulus package coming out, Tara stated that would be looked out.

*Membership Committee* chaired by Melonie Swartz *Horizon Engineering*

No minutes received

*Banquet Committee* chaired by Heather Dean *Harbor Coordination Solutions*

Banquet Committee consist of:

November 3, 2021, Banquet Meeting Minutes.

Heather Dean Chair for 2020/2021 [Due to Pandemic, the in-person Banquet was postponed to November 2021]

The Banquet attendees consisted of:

Heather Dean	Harbor Coordination Solutions	727-421-4447	<a href="mailto:Heather@HarborCoordination.com">Heather@HarborCoordination.com</a>
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Tara Miller	Duke Energy	727-224-6345	<a href="mailto:Tara.Miller@Duke-Energy.com">Tara.Miller@Duke-Energy.com</a>
Karen Ellzey	Florida Power and Light	305-442-5290	<a href="mailto:Karen.Ellzey@FPL.com">Karen.Ellzey@FPL.com</a>

Rebecca Green is the new Banquet Chair taking over for DeMar’s Chairmanship. When asked if DeMar would like a Roaring 20’s theme banquet or something else, he stated the Roaring 20’s would be great for the next banquet.

The Banquet theme for August 2022, will be the “Roaring Twenties”.

It was suggested that Rebecca would gather items after the New Year celebrations, of Black and Gold/Silver, since these items go on sale at all party places such as Party City. There is a budget which Rebecca will need to get with Jodi Rano to discuss.

This meeting was held more to discuss set up for the 2021 Halloween banquet due to this banquet being postponed from 2020, to 2021.

This has been a wonderful experience and I had a great team to work with through this Pandemic.

I had reached out to Cierra Yaklin, she has changed jobs and was unable to continue banquet committee and was not able to attend the Conference this year.

For the 2022 banquet, the committee remains the same, with changes of Cierra no longer able to attend, we welcome Art to the committee and Rebecca as the new Chair.

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***11:00am – 11:30am Sunshine 811 Report – Brian Dean***

- Brian provided an overview of who handles what area of the state.
- New education materials available, check the website.
- The Sunshine 811 website is about to change and is supposed to go live on 8/6/21
- Brian stated they are still having issues with the app through the Google store and Apple is not available.
- Sunshine 811 does have a tool kit to assist after storms
- Sunshine 811 is in the process of updating their presentations.
- Reminded all about positive response
- Preserve marks during construction.
- Exactix has been updated, if you have any suggestions to make it better, let them know.
- Sunshine 811 has a YouTube channel, tutorials and safety videos
- A question was asked if we can get more utilities to respond to design tickets. Sunshine 811 does not notify utilities on design tickets, but utilities can opt to receive those notifications, many utilities do. Utilities are not required to mark their utilities on design tickets.
- The utility is responsible to update their contact information, Sunshine 811 sends out request annually for updates, but it is up to the utilities to update Sunshine 811.

**Lunch Break**

***1:00pm – 1:15pm Opening remarks by Demar Machuca Fucc Chair***

Demar welcomed everyone back from lunch.

***Fucc Interest Group and subcommittee Meetings***

***1:15pm – 2:00pm Underground Interest Group***

Chaired by Michel-Lee Chapuseaux *Southern Light* and Chris McLaughlin *George F. Young*  
Minutes not provided

***2:15pm – 3:00pm Power Interest Group***

Chaired by Rob Morris *FPL*

Meeting minutes attached

**3:15pm – 4:00pm Telecommunications Interest Group**

Chaired by Stephen Waidley *Frontier Communications*

Meeting minutes attached

**Closing Comments for the day by Demar Machuca Fucc Chair**

Demar thanked the sponsors and opened up a call for new sponsors for the coming year.

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**

**8:30am – 8:45pm Opening remarks by Demar Machuca Fucc Chair**

Demar opened the meeting at 8:30am. He explained we will be following the agenda. Participants are welcomed to come in and leave as desired to participate in the meets of your choice. Demar thanked the sponsors for their contributions to support the organization. Naming them by name and level of sponsorship.

**8:45am – 9:30pm FDOT Forum - DUE/ DUA & FDOT Personnel**

Moderated by Patrick Overton *FDOT State Utility Engineer*

Patrick welcomed everyone. Items of discussion:

1. Infrastructure Bill expected 3.5 billion, but was only for 1 billion
2. Wireless update hearing 11/19/21 3-5P
3. Material shortages throughout state – long lead times and high costs
4. PSEE updates to be more user friendly coming soon
5. Utility work schedules DOT cannot transfer authority – if issues bring to DUA/DUE

Rob Brown, Duke Energy brought up the issue of material shortages statewide and could cause problems with getting work done on time. Patrick responded and said the state is aware and they are seeing it as well.

Chris Stermer raised questions on the signing of the UWS – Patrick Overton's response no change on statute.

Brian Lantz question on DOT doing work for city/county is the city/county then the authority? Patrick stated that there should be a MOA with authority listed completed by the district office.

Cynthia Durant Central Office – No updates

District 1: *FDOT District 1* – 69 projects – 2022 \$270 mil stimulus. Training coming soon with follow up and feedback. Utility liaison conference face to face, quarterly updates available – zip file sent out quarterly.

Todd Hunt *FDOT District 2*- Nothing really to discuss, but they are here for the utilities as needed.

Staci Nestor *FDOT District 5 DUA* – Thanked for the design build presentation. Stated that the utility liaison conference will be in person for 2022. City of Orlando thanked.

Dan Hunter *FDOT District 7 DUA* – Moving forward with Gateway to Pinellas and US 98 into D1 301 and SR 50

Joe Bitar *FDOT Turnpike DUA* - Joe thanked the utilities they work with within the district.

**9:45am – 10:30am Permitting Subcommittee**

Chaired by:

No minutes received

**10:45am – 11:30am Joint Use Subcommittee**

Chaired by:

No minutes received

**Lunch Break**

**1:00pm – 1:45pm TTC/MOT Subcommittee**

No minutes received

**2:00pm – 2:45pm Utility Coordination Education Development**

Chaired by Erik Brueningsen, PE *WGI*

**2:30pm – 3:30pm Design Build Subcommittee**

Chaired by Chris Stermer *WGI*

No minutes received

**3:45pm – 5:00pm Fucc Business Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 3:45pm by Demar Machuca Fucc Chair. Demar thanked the sponsors for their contributions to support the organization. Naming them by name and level of sponsorship.

Reading of the Minutes -Motion to waive the reading of the minutes by Brian Dean, seconded by Karen Ellzey Swartz.

Historian's Report – *Chris McLaughlin*

Treasurer's Report – Joie Rano, Fucc Treasurer provided report.

BOA Balance: \$55,367.08

PayPal: \$6,945.14

Sunshine 811 Report, Brian Dean noted legislative changes. Ch 556 – state law trumps city law. Citation for work near gas line with no 811 call – issued as non-compliant, criminal.

FDOT Report, Patrick Overton, State Utility Engineer. No Update

Membership votes from the Steering Committee. None

Need secretary nominations – not Power not Consultant

Need Farkas and Yancy award nominations

Demar thanked Karen Ellzey for her service and what she has done for the organization.

Appoints members of the Steering Subcommittee

Chaired by Chris Stermer, WGI  
Power – Art Gilmore, Duke Energy  
Telecom – Fred Valdes, Frontier  
Gas – Joe Sanchez, FGT  
Water – Warren Gilbreath, Hillsborough County  
Sewer – Jeremy Parker, Sarasota County  
Governmental-Utility – Kris Hayes, Lakeland Electric

Governmental-Non-Utility – Vacant  
Contractor – Larry Hill, Badger Daylight  
Design Consultant – Bill Case, Ayres Associates  
Coordinator Consultant – Trish Miller, T2UES  
Utility Notification Center – Brian Dean, Sunshine 811  
Geospatial Consultant – Chris McLaughlin, George F. Young/MacDriller

TTC/MOT Chair Robb Brown appointed by Demar Machuca

Conducts vote to ratify Steering Subcommittee Members, Demar Machuca made a motion to approve the members, the motion was seconded by Chris Stermer. The motion was approved, and the Steering Committee is ratified.

Reestablished all Standing Subcommittees, no ratification is required.

Awards/ Nominations Subcommittee – Karen Ellzey  
Programs Subcommittee – Tara Miller  
Conference Planning Subcommittee – Lori McLaughlin  
Membership/ Promotions – Melonie Swartz

Non-Standing Subcommittees, no ratification is required.

UAM – Bryan Lantz  
Joint Use – Paula Perry  
Design Build – Chris Stermer  
By-Laws – Chris McLaughlin  
Banquet – Rebecca Green  
TTC/ MOT – Alan Boaz  
Permitting – Bill Deal  
Utility Coordination Education – Erik Brueningsen  
Policies and Procedures – Jeanna Dean

Interest Group Chairs

Power – Rob Morris  
Underground – Brian Dean  
Telecom – Stephen Waidley

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Stermer, seconded by Jeanna Dean. Meeting adjourned.