

The Marion County Land Development Regulation Commission met on June 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Auditorium, 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kimberly Lamb called roll, and the quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were Chairman David Tillman, Vice Chairman Gene Losito, Erica Larson, Robert Stepp, Nate Chambers, and Jimmy Gooding. Richard Busche was not present during the roll call, but the Chair confirmed his attendance on record at 5:39 p.m., immediately after roll and previous minutes were approved.

Staff members present were Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky, Assistant County Administrator Tracy Straub, Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Deputy Director Ken Weyrauch, Development Review Coordinators Elizabeth Madeloni and Elizabeth Cotos, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Couillard, Project Coordinator Susan Heyen, Growth Services Administrative Manager Autumn Williams, and Administrative Staff Assistant Kimberly Lamb.

Chairman David Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the adoption of the minutes, Board Member Jimmy Gooding disclosed a conflict of interest regarding the item on this evening's agenda. He noted for the record that he would still participate in the discussion of the item, although he is not a voting member at tonight's hearing.

Chairman David Tillman opened the meeting by welcoming the new board member, Jimmy Gooding, and expressing appreciation for their willingness to serve. He then provided a brief overview of how the meeting would proceed, outlining the order of the agenda items and explaining the process for discussion and public comment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Kimberly Lamb read the Proof of Publication and advised that the meeting was properly advertised.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

LDRC Board Member Nate Chambers made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 3, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Robert Stepp. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2.1 PUBLIC HEARING - Presentation and Consideration for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Article 6, Division 7 Tree Protection and Replacement

Jim Couillard, Parks & Recreation Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

The following member of the public spoke during Public Comment:

1. Paul Sanders – 9862 SW 74th Avenue, Ocala
 - Expressed concern regarding his previously approved PUD if he would have to change it once this code goes into effect. He also questioned his buffer zone and how it would be affected by the developer.

LDRC Board Member Gene Losito made a motion to recommend approval as amended to the Board of County Commissioners Hearing on July 8, 2026. Motion was seconded by Board Member Erica Larson. Motion passed unanimously (6-0)

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Next Public Hearing - Section 6.7: Tree Protection and Replacement Continuation of the BCC Second Public Hearing Scheduled for July 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium. Note: The Next LDRC Workshop will be at the Growth Services Main Training Room on July 1, 2026, at 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Attest:

David Tillman, Chairman

Kimberly Lamb, Administrative Staff Assistant

Land Development Regulation Commission Attendance Report

2026		January 7	January 21	February 4	February 18	February 25	March 4	March 11	March 25	April 15	May 6	May 20	June 3	June 17	July 1	July 15	August 5	August 19	September 2	September 16	October 7	October 21	November 4	November 18	December 2	December 16
David Tillman	Chairman	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X												
Chris Howson	Board Member	X	X		X	X	X		X		X															
Gene Losito	Vice Chairman	X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X	X												
Richard Busche	Board Member	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X												
Robert Stepp	Board Member		X	X					X			X	X	X												
Erica Larson	Board Member	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X												
Nate Chambers	Board Member *As of 1/20/26	*		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X												
Jimmy Gooding	Alt. Board Member *As of 6/17/26	-												*												
Marco Mariti	Alt. Board Member *As of 6/17/26	-																								

- N/A

X Present: attendance is counted towards the quorum

* Alternate Present; attendance not counted towards quorum

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Willie Joe Gowdy III, hereby disclose that on ~~7/7~~ June 17, 2027:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, See * below;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Article 6, Division 7 of LDC (Tree protection)

* Business associates: Companies owned in whole or in part by Harvey Vandenberg, Chris Drasting, Matt Fabian, + John + Todd Rudnagen

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

6/17/23
Date Filed

[Signature]
Signature

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