

The Marion County Land Development Regulation Commission met on January 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Growth Services Main Training Room, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kimberly Lamb called roll, and the quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were Chairman David Tillman, Richard Busche, Christopher Howson, Gene Losito, and Alternate Nate Chambers. Erica Larson was not present during the roll call, but the Chair confirmed her attendance on the record at 5:34 p.m., immediately after roll was called.

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 Coordinator Elizabeth Madeloni, Administrative Manager Autumn Williams, and Staff Assistant Kimberly Lamb.

Chairman David Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were members of the public present.

Following the adoption of the minutes, Chairman David Tillman disclosed a conflict of interest regarding the items on tonight's agenda. He informed those present that he would abstain from voting but would continue to preside over the meeting as the Board Chairman.

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 Erica Larson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 17, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Chris Howson. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2.1 Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments to Review and Update Article 4, to Add New Section 4.3.28 – Fly-In Communities

Ken Weyrauch, Growth Services Deputy Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

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

The following members of the public spoke during Public Comment:

1. Robert Moses – 8410 NE 16th Terrace, Ocala
 - Questioned the Board about combining rules for Fly-In Communities with those for Private Airports to include involvement in commercial uses. He noted, for example, that cargo aircraft operations and commercial cargo activity are fundamentally different from the nature and purpose of Fly-In Communities.
2. Tim Gant – 17820 SW 3rd Street, Micanopy
 - Expressed concerns regarding the proposed 50-foot height limit and the potential noise impacts from aircraft. He states he understands this board has no control of the aircraft when in the air, but asked whether any ground-based noise restrictions or monitoring can be implemented.
3. Brian Murphy – 8553 NE 14th Terrace, Ocala
 - Comments on the ongoing litigation involving Jumbolair and requested clarification regarding the definitions of a Fly-In Community and a Private Airport. Asks the board if they would consider Jumbolair to be a Fly-In Community or a Private Airport, and/or both?
4. Dirk Leeward – PO Box 1476, Ocala
 - Noted that the term “accessory structure” on page 1, line 34, is struck through in the attachments and believe it to be in error. Clarified that hangar height and door height are different. He also requested clarification regarding aircraft maneuverability within the PUD, as well as how the County intends to regulate these movements and the associated easements.
5. Bernie Little – 4899 NW 90th Avenue, Ocala
 - Distributed informational materials to the Board and would like to delete language in section E, specifically, “such as, but not limited to, hours of operation, lighting, aircraft operations, or airspace.”

Public comment was closed by the Chair.

These updates will finalize the board's recommendations, and this item will be moved to a public hearing.

**2.2 Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC)
Amendments to Review and Update Article 4, to Add New Section 4.3.29 –
Private Airports**

Chairman David Tillman opened the discussion regarding this item.

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

The following members of the public spoke during Public Comment:

1. Dirk Leeward – PO Box 1476, Ocala
 - Distributed informational materials containing his proposed language for this section and noted that he had previously provided this material at the last LDRC Workshop for the Board's reference.
2. Robert Moses – 8410 NE 16th Terrace, Ocala
 - Raised concerns about language that would allow unrestricted 24/7 operations, specifically mentioning examples such as cargo handling and major maintenance activities.
3. Jessica Icerman – 401 E. Jackson Street, Suite 2100, Tampa
 - Provided an overview of what airport expansion entails and outlined the steps required to obtain zoning approval. Further explains runway requirements/revisions. She also clarifies where the authority of local government agencies ends and where state agency involvement begins regarding airports.

Public comment was closed by the Chair.

Ken Weyrauch noted items that need to be followed up on. The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed. Mr. Weyrauch will make edits to the verbiage and bring the item back to a future workshop.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Attendance for January 21, 2026, LDRC Workshop Meeting

Chairman David Tillman reminded the board of the upcoming LDRC meeting and emphasized the importance of their attendance to ensure a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Attest:

Kimberly Lamb

Kimberly Lamb, Staff Assistant IV

Gene Losito

David Tillman, Chairman

Gene Losito, Vice Chairman