



**Minutes**  
**FEMC Board Operations Committee**  
**via video conference/conference call**  
**Friday, June 6, 2025**  
**Beginning at 9am or soon thereafter**  
**Tallahassee, Florida**

A. Call to Order, Roll Call

Dr. Tumeo called the meeting to order. Ms. Sammons called roll.

**Committee Members Present:**

Safiya Brea, P.E., Chair  
Mark Tumeo, Ph.D., P.E., Vice Chair  
Denise Ramsey, P.E., FBPE Chair  
James Gonzalez, Public Member, FBPE Vice Chair

**Staff Present:**

Zana Raybon, FEMC President, FBPE Executive Director  
John Rimes, FEMC Vice President  
Michele Morris, FEMC Treasurer, FBPE Controller  
Rebecca Sammons, FEMC Secretary, FBPE Assistant Executive Director

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Chair's Report

D. President's Report

#1. Update on FEMC-DBPR Contract Renewal

Ms. Raybon confirmed that changes were made to the contract, and it is ready for signatures. Ms. Raybon stated that staff had some questions about a new requirement in the contract that requires a new monthly report of applications, which was clarified with Laserfiche as the source for these reports. Ms. Raybon discussed the RFP's for

FEMC to get its own licensure system, and the positive progress of the \$200,000 budget increase approved in both House and Senate budgets, with final approval expected soon.

## #2. Update on 2025 Legislative Session

Mr. Rimes discussed the governor's ability to veto legislation, noting that while he has a line-item veto, the likelihood of vetoes being overridden is low unless they involve significant amounts. Mr. Rimes stated that he did not think that the governor would not be concerned with FEMC's \$200,000 allocation, as it pertains to a trust fund. Ms. Raybon mentioned that FES, represented by John Johnson, had done significant work on this issue, with input from various individuals. Ms. Raybon stated that staff were encouraged by the first meeting's outcome, which included some budget adjustments and discussions about amending the contract for a licensure system. We planned to continue pushing for these changes, particularly with the available funding, and aimed to receive proposals by the following week.

Ms. Raybon talked about a new bill, Senate Bill 108, which has not yet been signed by the governor. If passed, it would require the team to submit monthly reports detailing every interaction with applicants, including responses and non-responses. Discussion followed on concern about the additional workload without additional funding, questioning the bill's purpose and its impact on efficiency.

The committee discussed concerns about a pending Senate bill that would require extensive rulemaking work and remove the ability to self-terminate rules, which they hoped the governor would not sign. Staff also addressed the annual trust fund report and discovered that DBPR takes approximately \$200,000 and \$10,000-15,000 annually for administrative costs, with Ms. Morris planning to present May financial statements and discuss reversion on the 11th. The discussion concluded with Ms. Sammons noting they would need to upgrade their Laserfiche system to comply with the new Senate bill, with spending required before July 1st.

The committee discussed budget challenges and the need to return unspent funds, noting that FEMC has had to return money in 20 of the last 23 years. Ms. Morris explained that the average reversion over the past year was \$147,000, or 6.7-8%, and emphasized the importance of maintaining a 5-10% cushion for unexpected expenses. Despite these returns, the organization still needs additional funding to meet its needs, and Ms. Raybon suggested that NCEES's larger cushion could be a point of comparison when advocating for more resources.

## F. Vice President's Report

- G. Treasurer's Report
- H. Discussion of agenda for next meeting
- I. Unfinished Business
- J. New Business
- K. Adjourn