



## ALACHUA COUNTY Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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Dan Zhu (City of Gainesville)  
Eric Walters (GRU)

### Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

1. Call to Order – Attendance and Determination of Quorum – the meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by John Nix.
2. Members: In person – John Nix, Jackie Davis, Dani Cucchiara, Kathryn Taubert, Sage Cera, Gary Kiebzak, and Jennison Kipp Searcy; Carla Brisotto (by zoom); James Fulton absent  
Staff: Stephen Hofstetter (ACEPD), Eric Walters (GRU), Dan Zhu (City of Gainesville), Jennie Ford (City of Gainesville), Betsy Riley (AC SEEDS), Sofie Aviles (EPD intern), Mike Castine (ACGM), Corbin Hanson (AC CAO), and Gail Mowry (City of Gainesville)  
Guests: Ellen Siegel, Malcolm Sanford, Grace Kireta, David Kireta, Abigail Pruden, Jonathan Pruden
3. Approval of Agenda – No changes proposed by committee. Motion to approve by Jennison Kipp Searcy, Seconded by Jackie Davis. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Approval of Minutes - Motion made by Jackie Davis, seconded by Kathryn Taubert to approve the minutes from the March 20, April 17, May 17, and July 17, 2023, regular meetings. But no changes proposed to the minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Sunshine Law Presentation by the Corbin Hanson, CAO. Several questions were asked to verify issues associated with the sunshine law, record keeping, and voting conflicts. It was recommended that CCAC members contact Corbin (352) 374-5218 if they have any follow-up questions.
6. Stephen Hofstetter gave a PowerPoint presentation on the prior and existing activities of the CCAC and an update on the current work plan.
7. Staff Updates:
  - a. County: Dr. Betsy Riley provided a brief update of the Solar-for-all grant.
  - b. City: Dr. Dan Zhu, Chief Climate Officer, providing the following updates:

- i. working on creating a sustainable procurement policy.
    - ii. participating in solar-for-all grant applications, with the county leading the effort.
    - iii. working on a sustainable mobility grant application due next month.
    - iv. finalizing the carbon dashboard and the climate action webpage.
    - v. collaborating with the county, SFC, UF, and USDA for a couple of community engagement activities
  - c. GRU: Eric Walters gave a PowerPoint presentation on Introduction to GRU to the members.
- 8. Next Regular meeting is on Monday, September 18, 2023. Possible items may include:
  - a. Race to Zero Presentation
  - b. Updated the contact list of organizations
- 9. Meeting Recap and Committee comments – Steve will email a copy of the presentations and an updated contact list to the CCAC members. Several of the members discussed the need to find ways to effectively communicate climate issues with the public and discussed ideas for the dashboard. Jackie Davis reminded the group about the upcoming Sept 30 Climate Summit and asked that information be provided to the citizens in attendance.
- 10. Public Comment – Jonathan Pruden thanked the committee for the opportunity to attend and stated that there were students from the Florida Envirothon Team in attendance and introduced them.
- 11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM