

Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

June 8, 2026 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Tina Patterson, Mike Fite, Merrilee Wallbrunn, Michelle Anaya and guests Mary Lou Dahmers and Rebekah Kaufman attending. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Board Meetings will normally be held on the *second Monday of each month*.

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The May minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Theresa Blanchard (not in attendance)

- **Theresa** will send a treasurer's report to all board members via email.

3. Grants and Expenditures

- A motion was made to spend \$200 to print 250 copies of a new trifold brochure. **Michelle** will revise photos and apply for permission to use the FNPS logo before printing. The motion carried 4-0.
- A motion was made to authorize Michelle Anaya to spend up to \$200/year on a Suncoast Zoom account or another digital meeting and communication solution, such as Google Workspace. The motion carried 4-0.
- A motion was made to authorize Michelle Anaya, Vice President, to apply for and manage Google Workspace for Nonprofits/Goodstack verification on behalf of Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc., and to submit any required documentation needed to complete the application. The motion carried 4-0.
- **Tina** will check with Theresa to see if Learning Gate and Plant City Community Commons Garden received grant money.

4. PR Report: Michelle

- **Michelle** will have the trifold brochure ready for the Joint Meeting.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- Garden workdays will continue to be on the second Thursday (Flatwoods), fourth Tuesday (Lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek), in 2026. Hours are 8am-10am.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **June 17:** **Michelle** is looking for a speaker and location for a meeting in June.
- **July 15:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Suncoast is host. Niki invited Meredith Budd, Deputy Director of the Live Wildly Foundation, to be our speaker. **Tina** is communicating with Audubon and Sierra.
- **August 19:** Election Meeting. Location and speaker to be determined.

7. Field Trips: Merrilee and Tina

- **June 6:** Alderman's Ford with Nature Coast, 10 am
- **June 20:** Alafia Scrub Preserve; 8:30 start: **Tina** is leading
- **July:** possibly a nursery visit

8. Plant Sale: October 10 and 11, 2026

9. Newsletter and News:

- Tina sends out an email twice a month to our members.
- Michelle will post events to Facebook.

10. Elections: Michelle

- A motion was made to appoint Michelle Anaya to the vacancy in the Vice President position. The motion carried 4-0.
- Rebekah and Michelle have created an application for prospective board members.
- The board approved (4-0) a nominating committee consisting of Rebekah Kaufman Council of Chapters, Andrea Andersen Council of Chapters, and Melissa Fernandez FNPS Executive Director from the state organization with an additional member who will be a member of Suncoast Chapter chosen by Michelle Anaya.
- Nominations will be accepted at the August 19 election meeting and voting will be online. All members will receive login information by email.

Action Items are highlighted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

The date of the next Board of Directors meeting was not established.

Certified by: Tina (Mable C) Patterson, Secretary, Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.

Date: 6/13/2026