

FFY27 Planning Ad Hoc Committee Summary

Friday March 20, 2026

4354 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.

Suite 200 Baton Rouge, La. 70816

4:15 PM – 6:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom/ [Virtual Meeting Protocols](#)

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Members Present: Ayden Blunsch (Chair), Constance Alphonse, Jill Hano, Lamartine Meda, Erick Taylor, Karen Xu

Members Absent:

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Lauren Brown, Stephanie Carmona, Ebony Haven, Bridgette Talley

Others Present: Karen Artus, Brenda Cossé, Lillian DeJean, Mylinda Elliott, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert (transcriptionist), Chanel Jackson, Christina Martin, Jacki Pierce, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn

Call to Order & Quorum

Ayden Blunsch called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM. A quorum was established, meaning enough members were present to make decisions.

Planning Committee Discussion & Recommendations for FFY27 Action Plan

The committee reviewed concept papers, committee recommendations, and five-year plan comments previously submitted for the 2027-2031 plan. Staff explained where each recommendation could fit into the council's objectives and cost considerations. Staff also included the planning status report and gave recommendations for any current activity.

Budget Discussion

The committee reviewed the estimated FFY27 budget of about \$259,000. They discussed how much different activities usually cost based on past experience. Trainings often range from \$35,000 to \$80,000 depending on the size and location. This helped the group think about which ideas are practical and affordable.

Motion to Continue Planning Work

Lamartine Meda made a motion for the Planning Committee to meet again to finish drafting the FFY 2027 Action Plan. Constance Alphonse seconded the motion. A vote was taken: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned

There were no public comments. The meeting ended at 4:16 PM.