



**PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY**  
**WORKING GROUP**



**AGENDA**  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
**Emergency Operations Center – Room118**  
**777 Glades Rd.**  
**Boca Raton, FL 33431**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson
  - Chairperson unable to attend.
  - Meeting called to order by Brenden at 10:04 am.
  - Introductions completed in person and virtually. (See sign in sheets)
2. LMS2024 Adoption Status – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM
  - 37/39 jurisdictions adopted!
    - Working on getting the last two municipalities to adopt.
3. FDEM Updates – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM
  - RFI extensions:
    - Helene – late April
    - Milton – early May
  - No updates on STT Agreement w/ FEMA
    - FDEM believes communities will still need to enter into ISAA w/ FEMA
      1. FEMA is currently in talks with the state of Florida to figure out a state tribal territorial agreement to obtain access to the repetitive loss (RL) list.
      2. Brenden only has the last repetitive loss list. Once access is granted he will distribute information on how to receive it.
      3. Ja-Pheth from FDEM advised that a municipality that wants access to the RL list will most likely have to go through the county to sign an ISAA with FEMA.
4. Spring 2026 PPL Submission timeline – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM
  - Submission Period: March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Evaluation Period: March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Draft: April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Adoption: April 8<sup>th</sup>



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- Schedule is switched so that if anyone has questions before PPL submission the working group can assist with any question that arise before submission.
- Attending any meeting counts towards municipality participation for the year.
- Municipalities that are not in good standing should try to attend any of the meeting.
- Hybrid virtual link is always available on the DEM LMS website.
  - Question on if the PPL panel is now full. Per Brenden, yes a new member has joined and the panel is full.
  - Comment also made is that the group may like to expand the panel. If anyone is interested to volunteer their time to score projects see Brenden.
  - Question in chat on who can volunteer for the scoring committee. Per Brenden, this is something that will be addressed when the LMS is updated in the next cycle.
- 5. Grainger Presentation – Barbara Stelz, Sr. Government Account Manager
  - Brenden introduced presenter who will give presentation that could assist municipalities get project ideas for the PPL.
  - Floor opened for questions.
    - Does Grainger take input from customers when considering products to have on stock. Barbara answered that they will bring additional items in and keep them on the shelf even if there is no guarantee the items will be purchased.
    - Question on if Grainger helps install any of the items purchased. Barbara answered yes they do upon request.
- 6. Mitigation Success Stories/Challenges to Share? – All
  - Brenden shared what he learned from his FL 393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers class. Brenden learned that HMGP grant projects must mitigate something that's a natural occurrence. (example wind/rain). Brenden encourages all to look at past projects to see if they can add details that would harden against natural hazards and make them eligible for the HMGP requirements.
  - Comment from Moises Cuesta on PPL scoring. He would also like to see projects that should be a priority on the list take more precedence than other projects. Moises also clarified that he doesn't understand how certain projects score higher than others when they don't address what the LMS is about.
    - Brenden answered that the PPL has a great scoring system. He also acknowledged that this question has been raised and



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addressed in various LMS meetings with a common consensus to keep the scoring as is. The projects are scored on several criteria. The scoring system could be addressed in the future. Also, just because a project is ahead of you in the PPL, it doesn't mean that project would proceed before you in the PPL.

- Chief Bloomfield suggested that there are companies that come in and assist with their PPL projects and do the work to get them scored higher.
7. Next Meeting Schedule – Brenden DiBerardino, PBC DEM
    - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  8. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson
    - Planning Section Chief from Cape Coral had an incident with permitting for construction that affected their NFIP status. This incident caused them to have to activate their EOC. Brenden is trying to get her to present at a CRS User Group meeting.
  9. Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson
    - Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.