



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

Tree Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall

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FOR VISUAL PRESENTATIONS: For City Commission meetings the City Clerk's Office will need a copy of all presentations for the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting.

Call Meeting to Order - 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Administering the Oath by the Clerk of the Commission

Approval of Minutes

1 January 20, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

- 2 630 Mickens Ln./T2025-0229/631 Thomas Associates LLC
 Represented by Sean Creedon- Tree Man LLC
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Sapodilla
 tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Additional Information](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, in accordance with Sec. 110-328(1) that the removal of the Sapodilla tree at 630 Mickens Lane be denied due to the species, size, champion tree status, historical importance and/or condition of the tree make it a unique or rare specimen. The motion passed by the following vote:

No: 3 - Commissioner Cabanas, Commissioner Cullen, and Commissioner Cunningham

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Henriquez, Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Pope, and Chairman McRAE

- 3 701 Passover Ln./T2025-0245/City of Key West/Key West
 Cemetery
 Represented by Urban Forestry & Key West Cemetery
 Sexton
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (2) Strangler Fig
 trees.

Attachments: [Report and Application](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Matter](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Giordano](#)
 [Letter of Opposition- Boettger](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Ware](#)
 [Letter of Opposition - Sullivan](#)

Postponed Indefinitely.

New Business

- 4 1402 Newton St./T2026-0011/Naomi Van Steelandt
Represented by Tree Man of Key West-Sean Creedon
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Mahogany tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mahogany tree at 1402 Newton Street to be replaced with 20 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 5 314 Southard St./T2026-0002/David Ribbans
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Hong Kong Orchid & (1) Punk tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Hong Kong Orchid tree at 314 Southard Street to be replaced with 5.4 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Further, staff indicated that the reference to the removal of (1) Punk tree in the title was made in error.

- 6 717 Galveston Ln./T2026-0008/June Houston
Represented by Ken King
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Mango tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Mango tree at 717 Galveston Lane to be replaced with 11 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 7 1000 Southard St./T2026-0009/Anne Ferrara
Represented by Ken King
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1000 Southard Street to be replaced with 16 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site, with the condition that (1) Royal Poinciana tree be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 8 1106 Thompson St./T2026-0013/Nathaniel Lindille &
Kathryn Vallilee
Represented by Ken King
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (2) Gumbo Limbo trees.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Pope, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbo trees, at 1106 Thompson Street to be replaced with 22.7 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site and/or contribute to the Tree Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 9 1417 Albury St./T2026-0014/Suzy Stone
Represented by Ken King
Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Royal Poinciana tree.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Royal Poinciana tree at 1417 Albury Street to be replaced with 3.5 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 10 816 Center Ct./T2026-0015/Barbara Declemente
 Represented by Ken King
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Plumeria
 rubra.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, in accordance with Sec.110-327, to approve the removal of (1) Plumeria rubra tree at 816 Center Court to be replaced with 9.2 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from the approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 11 329 William St./T2026-0012/Peter Abrahamson
 Represented by Shade Tree, Inc.
 Applicant is requesting approval to remove (1) Spanish
 Lime tree and (2) Pink Tabebuia trees.

Postponed to March 17, 2026.

- 12 241 Trumbo Rd./TP2026-0005/Monroe County School
 District
 Represented by Smith Hawks, PL
 Applicant is requesting Conceptual Landscape Plan
 approval w/ tree removal.

Attachments: [Report](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Landscape Plan](#)
 [Additional Information](#)

Commissioner Henriquez recused himself from this Item and left the dais.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, to Approve the conceptual landscape plan and related tree removal. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Henriquez returned to the dais.

Reports

Public Comment

Commissioner Comment

Adjournment - 6:03 P.M.

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME HENEI GNEZ, Michael Joseph		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Tree Commission	
MAILING ADDRESS 3406 Eagle Ave.		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Key West, Fl.	COUNTY MONROE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY	<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 2/17/2026		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Monroe County School Board	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on other side)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Michael Joseph Henkelowicz, hereby disclose that on Feb. 17, 2026:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Monroe County School Board, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

The School Board has agenda item #12 on the Feb. 17th Tree Commission Agenda.

2/17/2024
Date Filed

Michael Henkelowicz
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.