



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**CONFERENCE MEETING**

**#25-0633**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**TITLE:** Fort Lauderdale Police Department Headquarters: Phase 2 – Building  
Structural Design Peer Review Presentation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2,  
3 and 4)**

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Following the identification of a deflection issue with the Police Department Headquarters (PDHQ) that is currently under construction, the City of Fort Lauderdale sought a third-party engineering consultant to validate and assess the original repairs. It was then determined that an additional peer review should be performed to validate the enhancements related to corrective measures. Wiss, Janey, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) completed its peer review in two (2) phases. Phase 1 focused on the deflection area analysis and subsequent recommendations to resolve the issue. Phase 2 focused on an analysis of the remainder of the building by providing findings and recommendations for addressing the findings.

The following is a summary of City Commission communication related to Phase 2:

- On May 5, 2025, Memorandum No. 25-054 (Exhibit 1) was sent to the City Commission providing an update on the Phase 2 peer review conducted by WJE.
- On May 6, 2025, the City Commission directed staff to provide a presentation at the June 3, 2025, City Commission Conference meeting to allow for additional detail, clarification on terminology, and allow for questions to be addressed.
- On May 9, 2025, Memorandum No. 25-057 (Exhibit 2) was sent to the City Commission providing clarification on terminology used in the Phase 2 peer review.
- At the June 3, 2025, City Commission Conference meeting, WJE, with input from both AECOM (the Architect of Record) and City Staff, provided an update presentation on the efforts to address the items indicated in the Phase 2 peer review.

City Staff will provide an update on the progress of the efforts by WJE and AECOM, along with Thornton Tomasetti (Engineer of Record), to address the remaining items listed in the Phase 2 peer review.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum No. 25-054

Exhibit 2 – Memorandum No. 25-057

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

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