

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD
101 NW 3rd Avenue, 11th Floor
Tower 101 City Office
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	CUMULATIVE	
		1/25 – 12/25	ABSENT
		PRESENT	
Mark Schwartz, Chair	A	2	2
Joe Piechura, Sr., Vice Chair	P	3	1
Steve Botkin	P	4	0
David Cooley	P	2	2
Ted Hess	P	3	1
Jonathan Perrillo	P	3	1
Henry Sienema	P	4	0

Staff

Guy Hine, Risk Manager

Matthew Cobb, Assistant Risk Manager

Alisha Auth, Senior Claims Adjuster

Paul Dawson, Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown

Bill Wilson, Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown

Robin Russell, Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown

Communications to City Commission

None.

1. Roll Call (including number of appointed members and quorum)

Vice Chair Piechura called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. All members attended in person. As of this date, December 3, 2025, there are seven (7) appointed members to the Insurance Advisory Board, which means four (4) would constitute a quorum. Roll was called and it was determined there was a quorum at this time.

2. Approve Minutes

None.

3. Communications to City Commission

None.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. New Business

• Property Insurance Renewal for 2026

Mr. Hine provided a brief introduction on the history of the City's property insurance policies for 2025 and advised that Mr. Dawson and his staff would provide more details for 2026.

Mr. Dawson outlined the 2026 year's policies renewal regarding the insured rate, overall premium, and coverage terms. There was an increase in the overall Total Insured Values (TIV) in the amount of \$177,986,000, primarily due to the addition of the new Police Station location on the property schedule.

Mr. Dawson explained this increase of TIV influenced the policies' premium by 32.75% from the 2025 year's premium of \$3,303,626. The non-utility coverage limit is \$25 million, and the utility coverage limit is \$15 million, which are the same limits as the prior years' policies. These limits maintain the City's eligibility for FEMA's public assistance while still providing coverage for a large loss event. He also provided a review of the current property insurance market, which has plenty of financial capacity in the market. This is a result of reinsurance availability for catastrophic losses remaining flat, thus providing continued stabilization for the property market.

Mr. Dawson advised the Board that Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown secured three (3) not-to-exceed (NTE) premium options for the City's renewal in 2026. They were still in process of negotiating with the different insurance carriers and determining how to structure the program. **Option 1** maintains the current non-utility coverage limit of \$25 million, and the utility coverage limit of \$15 million for a total NTE premium in 2026 of \$4,597,369, which is a 32.75% premium increase from 2025. **Option 2** increases the non-utility coverage limit to \$30 million, and the utility coverage limit remains at \$15 million for a total NTE premium in 2026 of \$4,897,369, which is a 38.87% premium increase from 2025. **Option 3** increases the non-utility coverage limit to \$35 million, and the utility coverage limit remains at \$15 million for a total NTE premium in 2026 of \$5,097,369, which is a 42.70% premium increase from 2025.

Mr. Dawson explained that the catastrophe modeling report for the 2026 policy has the named windstorm probable maximum loss (PML) for the 100-year storm forecast at \$15,796,519 and the 250-year storm forecast at \$35,622,899. While FEMA has not established a required insurance coverage level to qualify for public assistance, the consensus is that insurance coverage should be somewhere between the 100-year and 250-year storm PML. In 2025, the PML for the 100-year storm forecast was \$14,586,629 and the 250-year storm forecast was \$27,960,030.

Discussion among the Board followed on the current state of the property insurance market, and what would be the impact of adding the new Police Station onto the policies

for the 2026 renewal. Several Board members asked general questions about the renewal and if any large losses were incurred this year.

Mr. Perrillo commented that in his experience commercial property carriers and lenders were looking to purchase insurance coverage at the 500-year storm level. He also believed that the City should explore and consider purchasing stand-alone insurance for the new Police Station instead of adding it to the non-utility property schedule. He stated that by adding the new Police Station to the schedule for a cost of approximately \$1,202,611 the City would likely be overpaying. He believed a stand-alone policy could be obtained for a cost of approximately \$700,000 or less, resulting in a savings of \$500,000 or more.

Mr. Dawson requested that Mr. Perrillo provide him or City staff with the names of any carriers that would be willing to provide a stand-alone policy, so that he could explore coverage options with them.

Motion by Mr. Perrillo, seconded by Mr. Cooley, to have City staff and Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown explore if obtaining a stand-alone quote on the new Police Station was feasible and cost-effective. In a voice vote, the **motion passed with six votes in favor.**

- **Motion to Approve Property Insurance Renewal Quote for 2026**

Mr. Hine advised that staff was looking to obtain approval from the Board for one (1) of the NTE premium quote options on the City's property insurance policies, as presented by Public Risk Insurance Advisors, Brown & Brown. He advised that based upon the three (3) options presented and the 2026 PML that **Option 2** was his recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Dawson advised that after negotiations with the City's property insurance carriers the NTE premium quote for 2026 on **Option 2** resulted in a 38.87% increase at the quoted overall premium of \$4,897,369. The premium increase was a combination of the addition of the new Police Station, along with additional flood policies based upon revised FEMA flood maps and increasing the non-utility coverage limit by \$5 million from \$25 million to \$30 million. The TIV on the utility program remained unchanged at \$296,019,142, while the non-utility program increased to \$441,162,050 from \$263,176,050, which is a \$177,986,000 or 50.54% increase. The utility coverage limit of \$15 million and named windstorm deductible at 7.5% of the TIV with a \$5 million minimum remained unchanged.

Mr. Dawson further advised that they were still negotiating and hope to secure a final premium for less than the \$4,897,369 NTE premium quote, and possibly some better coverage terms, when the City's policies renewed on February 1, 2026. Some carriers with lesser insured rates might increase their availability in the non-utility program, which would reduce the overall final premium.

Mr. Dawson advised that based upon the state of the property insurance market and the 2026 PML, now would be a good time to increase the non-utility coverage limits from \$25

million to either \$30 million (**Option 2**) or \$35 million (**Option 3**). Based upon the 2025 PML for the 100-year storm forecast at \$14,586,629 and the 250-year storm forecast at \$27,960,030, the City's non-utility coverage limits of \$25 million were close to the 250-year storm level. Based upon the 2026 PML for the 100-year storm forecast at \$15,796,519 and the 250-year storm forecast at \$35,622,899, the City's non-utility coverage limits of \$25 million were now between the 100-year and 250-year storm levels.

Discussion among the Board followed on the property insurance premium quote, updated deductible limits, coverage terms, and pricing. Several Board members asked questions about the renewal that were answered by either Mr. Hine or Mr. Dawson. After discussion concluded, Vice Chair Piechura asked if there was a motion to approve one (1) of the property insurance quote options.

Motion by Mr. Botkin seconded by Mr. Sienema, to select and approve **Option 2** for the City's property insurance policies' quote from multiple carriers on a layered program at the NTE premium of \$4,897,369. In a voice vote, the **motion passed with six votes in favor**.

6. Open Discussion – Old/New Business

- Vice Chair Piechura made a request of staff to review the City's Health Plan for 2026 at future meeting.

Mr. Hine advised that this might be possible for the January 2026 meeting with the Board, and that he would check with the Benefits Manager, Mikki Sampo. He further informed the Board that currently the City's Health Plan is doing well. Employee premiums have remained the same for several years due to the increased contribution of the City, as required by the bargaining agreements. In addition, the Health Plan has incurred a good loss ratio for a few years, which has held costs below the average annual medical trend increase.

7. Schedule Next Meeting – January 7, 2026

8. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Piechura adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Motion by Mr. Sienema, seconded by Mr. Botkin. In a voice vote, the **motion passed with six votes in favor**.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Cobb