



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#26-0517

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: 2026 End-of-Session Report – City Manager’s Office (**Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

City staff will present the 2026 End-of-Session Report (Exhibit 1), providing an overview of the 2026 State Legislative Session and the subsequent Special Sessions on congressional redistricting maps, the state budget, and property tax constitutional amendment. Members of the Broward Legislative Delegation and the City’s legislative consultants are also expected to attend.

On October 23, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-203 (CAM #25-0983), approving the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2026 State Legislative Program. This program established the City’s priorities for the 2026 State of Florida Legislative Session. Key focus areas include infrastructure, resiliency, housing, public safety, and the protection of municipal home rule.

The 2026 State Legislative Session convened in January 2026 for the required sixty (60)-day period to consider statewide policy and adopt a balanced budget. The state budget determines funding levels for City and regional priority projects beginning July 1, 2026. Throughout the session, lawmakers focused heavily on affordability, including property tax relief, education, housing, and infrastructure investment. City staff and legislative consultants monitored legislation, engaged with the Broward Legislative Delegation, and advocated for priorities consistent with City Commission direction, including preserving municipal home rule and maintaining flexibility in local revenue authority.

The Legislature adjourned the regular session on March 13, 2026, without adopting a final budget due to significant differences in key funding areas.

As a result, lawmakers reconvened in Special Session E from May 11-29, 2026; however, prior to adopting a statewide budget, lawmakers convened April 28-29 to approve new Congressional District maps.

During Special Session E, legislators continued budget negotiations and reached agreement on May 24, 2026. On May 29, 2026, the legislature approved the Fiscal Year

(FY) 2026-27 budget of \$114.5 million. Funding for the City’s priority projects remains subject to the Governor’s review and line-item veto authority.

The Governor then called for the Legislature to reconvene June 1-3, 2026, to approve a property tax proposal which resulted in a Constitutional Amendment that will be presented before the voters on the November 6, 2026 general election ballot. Sixty percent (60%) of the voters must approve the amendment for it to be successful.

Staff will incorporate the outcomes of the 2026 legislative session into the development of the City’s 2027 State Legislative Program.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – 2026 End-of-Session Report Presentation

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