

Public Nuisance Abatement Board  
Thursday, April 28, 2022  
3:00PM  
MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings before the City of Jacksonville's Public Nuisance Abatement Board taken on  
Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ed Ball Building, 214 N Hogan Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, commencing at approximately 3:03 PM

Board Members

Bryan Mosier, Chair  
Josh Cockrell, Vice Chair  
Mansel Carter, Board Member  
Adam Edgecombe, Board Member  
Assistant Chief Charles Shivers, Board Member  
Assistant Chief Richard A. Reichard, Board Member  
Paul Thomas, Board Member - Excused  
Scott Turner, Board Member

City of Jacksonville Staff:

Trisha Bowles, Office of General Counsel  
Mary Staffopolous, Office of General Counsel  
Gaby Young, Office of General Counsel  
Julie Ann Rivera, Board Clerk

City Council:

Debbi Pataky, City Council Executive Council Assistant

Guests Present:

Rick Scott, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
Trans Williams, Lift Jax

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I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Bryan Mosier called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

II. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

III. Review and Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes from the Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, meeting was made by Vice Chair Josh Cockrell and seconded by Board Member Scott Turner.

Motion Passed: 8-0

IV. Parliamentary Procedure Recap

Office of General Counsel, Mary Staffopolous, introduced herself. If any of the board members have attended a board meeting or City Council, they will have observed what Parliamentary Procedures look like. Board meetings and Board Members will follow Roberts Rules of Order. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact or reach out to the Office of General Counsel. Ms. Trisha Bowles, board attorney, can also answer questions as they come up during the meetings to ensure proper posture to take the various actions.

Ex-parte communication is part of the code and is a communication, whether written or oral, with a party of a particular case in advance of the actual public hearing of the decision to be made. A written ex-parte communication can be forwarded to the Board Clerk. If it is an oral discussion, please state the who, when, and what and provide the information to the Board Clerk. The ex-parte will be made part of the record for disclosure. If a Board Member has any communications, they have an obligation to declare them at the meeting before taking action on an item. This is to ensure it is clear to the public and the parties there is a fair, open, and unbiased hearing.

V. PNAB Hearing Process

The Chair informed the Board the City has rolled out the Public Nuisance Abatement Board webpage which has links to the ordinance and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) contact information for citizens.

The Chair asked the Board to ensure they review the ordinance, familiarize themselves with the criteria and the requirements for declaring a public nuisance, and what proper and just remedies those would be. In other areas there have been situations where rulings of the board have gone to court and been overturned. Please keep in mind, the Board wants to impact the nuisance, but also ensure its decision stands up in the court of law, if disputed.

VI. Declaration of Public Nuisance Procedure

Lieutenant Robert Lestrage, JSO Blight Unit, introduced himself. The parameters of what can be done are stated on the code. JSO has an email and phone # for citizens to contact and file a complaint. Staff is currently working on a webpage where JSO will be able to enter a complaint, based on the criteria as outlined on the code. The complaint will be vetted to ensure it meets the code parameters. The officer will research, gather JSO reports, descriptions, and qualifying events of incidents. At this point, the Sergeant would sign off on the complaint and present to the Board Clerk for a packet. Staff is working on the public facing side of the webpage for citizens to also be able to file a complaint, based on the criteria as outlined on the code. Once JSO receives the information the complaint will follow the due process. JSO will have the ability to receive complaints from their officers and citizens alike.

Vice Chair Josh Cockrell inquired if the public has been informed this tool is available? Have they been encouraged to participate in identifying these potential nuisances? The Lieutenant indicated JSO first wanted to ensure there was an internal understanding of the process, then inform the public of the available resources. The Chair will speak to the Public Affairs Office and have an update placed on MyJax.

The Vice Chair asked if anonymous complaints would be permissible for PNAB? Would JSO require the citizens contact information and address? The Chair indicated they would need the citizens information as the code states the one-mile radius, and that can't be determined with an anonymous complaint.

Office of General Counsel, Gaby Young, introduced herself. Ms. Young will be the attorney presenting on behalf of JSO. They have some cases in mind to bring forward to the Board but are ensuring to have a plan on the how to present the evidence and witnesses. The plan is to have a chargeable notice for the board to see what the complaint is about – as clear as possible. Witnesses and officers will come in and testify on what they have seen as there will be crimes or violations that have occurred on the property within a time frame. JSO may have some recommendations and may speak on what has worked in the past, but it will be up to the board to make and decide on the remedies.

The Board Clerk has been working on the paperwork that will route the packet from JSO to the board.

VII. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date is pending a first case. Currently, JSO is reviewing a potential case and it may come before the Board in either May or June.

VIII. Public Comments (3 Minute Limit)

Trans Williams, LIFT Jax, 10640 Grayson Court, inquired on what is the extent of what the Board will be able to do to follow-up on cases and on the ordinance.

Ms. Bowles indicated section 672.08 of the ordinance lays out the remedies, jurisdiction and the process. The Board has a broad authority as long as their efforts don't cross into a line where the courts have previously determined and established it is not a valid method. The Board will be working with JSO who is out on the street, seeing what is happening and knows what has helped in other neighborhoods or properties.

Chair Mosier stated section 672.08 outlines the remedies, orders, and jurisdiction for the Board. This allows the Board to make an impact.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

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## CERTIFICATION

Recorded and transcribed by:

Julie Ann Rivera – August 25, 2022  
Julie Ann Rivera, Board Clerk  
Public Nuisance Abatement Board Support

Approved by:

Josh Cockrell, Vice-Chair - August 25, 2022  
Bryan D. Mosier, Chair  
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