



Health Care Innovation Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025, 10 a.m. ET

Virtual meeting

Opening. Chair Jay Collins, Lt. Governor, opened the meeting. By way of introduction he spoke about his background, his adoption by his grandparents, his service as a Green Beret, and about his focus on excellence as a habit. He also mentioned that he wanted to meet with each of the council members and get to know them personally.

Roll Call. Dr. Spencer called the roll and the members participating included:

Secretary S. Harris
Secretary T. Hatch
Director R. Asztalos
C. Eyre, Delegate for Secretary M. Branham

Dr. D. German
Mr. J. D. Couris
C. Petrone-Hudock (Delegate for Richard Caplin)
Dr. R. Diaz
Dr. A. Rastogi
Dr. R. Douthett
Mr. T. Sabatino
Mr. G. Fraser

Quorum was established.

Meeting Minutes. Chair Collins asked for and received a motion to approve the minutes for June 26, 2025. The motion was seconded and the minutes approved.

Member Introductions and Remarks. Each of the members present took a few minutes to introduce themselves and to talk about their professional experience and perspectives on the work of the Council. Chair Collins also shared additional information and his perspective about the importance of the council's work.

Agenda Items.

Dr. Spencer shared a slide presentation with updates for the members on the Health Care Innovation Loan Program including a number of loan applications that were in progress. She also reviewed the council's annual report, and plans for a December 1, 2025, Health Care Innovation Pitch Session with the Council in attendance as panelists, Orlando, Florida. She thanked the Agency for Health Care Administration for help in getting the word out regarding the loan program as well as Florida Commerce and Select Florida for their assistance.

Members offered questions in response to the presentation regarding ensuring that the companies who are supported through the loan program are the right ones and mitigating the risk of these investments. A member emphasized the importance of ensuring that applicants are addressing a clearly defined need, rather than proposing solutions to non-existent problems. Additionally, there was a suggestion to discuss the appropriate allocation of funds per

application cycle. Chair Collins emphasized that the council should hold applicants accountable and said the group would dig into these issues at a future meeting.

Public Comment. No comments were offered by members of the public attending.

Guests for the meeting included:

DOH Staff

Erik Doroteo
Mary Alice Nye
Craze, Kristin A
Bonds, Yolanda
Melissa Jordan
Barreiros, Jacqueline

Other Guests

P Pat
Brea Gelin
Mark Kruse
Lorena Fulcher
Rafter, Amanda
Fernandez, Aleskia
Samper, Christina
Beekman, Michelle
Monzon-Aguirre, Jose
WFSU-TV The Florida Channel
Looke, Daniel
Jones, Morgan
Justin Quiles
Harris, Stephen

Several guests were identified only by telephone numbers and are not included here.

The meeting concluded at 10:48 a.m. ET.