



**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN
MARCH 18, 2026
10:00 AM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Discussion of legal services
- 5. TRUSTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION**
- 6. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 14, 2026 - 3:00PM**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at (904) 310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired).

Dear Clients,

On February 27, 2026, Pedro Herrera resigned from our firm. The Florida Bar rules require us to inform you that because Pedro Herrera was a firm lawyer with whom you had direct contact, you have the right to have our firm continue to represent you, in which case you will be represented by our team of experienced, public pension lawyers, led by Bob Sugarman, David Robinson, Jose Javier Rodriguez and Veronica Ucros. Also be assured that Paralegal/legal assistant, Jessica Vila, who has managed our municipal pension practice for 33 years, remains committed to our firm and will continue to serve you with her usual promptness, efficiency, and friendliness. We are ready, willing and able to continue to provide you with the same high level of expertise, devotion, and attention. You also have the right to retain Pedro Herrera or another law firm to represent you.

Our municipal pension lawyers together have over one hundred years of experience as pension attorneys. Bob, a University of Virginia law graduate, has been a leading Florida pension practitioner for more than 50 years. David Robinson earned his law degree at Georgetown University and has practiced public pension law with our firm for thirty years. Jose Javier, a Harvard Law grad, has worked in the public pension practice of our firm for several years, and has served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate, and most recently as the Assistant Secretary of the United State Department of Labor. Marcus Braswell, a graduate of FSU College of Law and who holds the distinction of Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment lawyers, has worked on municipal pension cases since 1999.

We understand that this is an important decision for you, and we are confident that should you make the decision to continue to have us serve as your lawyers, your expectations of receiving the highest quality of legal services will be fulfilled. For that reason, we are offering a reduction of 25% off our fees.

We hope that we will continue to serve as your lawyers. You can also choose to retain an entirely new lawyer, or have Pedro A. Herrera in his new capacity represent you as legal counsel.

The Florida Bar requires us to inform you that if you wish to have a new lawyer or Pedro A. Herrera continue to represent you, arrangements to settle your outstanding account, if any, with us will have to be made before the file can be released to the lawyer of your choosing. Any retained/unspent fees or costs currently held by the firm will be promptly returned. While you consider your decision, please be assured that continuity in your representation by our firm is assured.

You may indicate your choice below by returning a signed and dated copy via e-mail to hsusskind@sugarmansusskind.com and peterherrera@gmail.com. Please retain a copy of this designation letter for your records.

Sincerely,
Howard Susskind
Marcus Braswell
Bob Sugarman
David Robinson

[Instructions on following page]

Please initial:

_____ We wish to continue with Sugarman Susskind Braswell as our lawyers.

_____ We wish our files to be transferred to Pedro A. Herrera. Please send our files to Jones Walker LLP, 201 S Biscayne Blvd, #3000, Miami, FL 33131.

_____ We will retain new counsel and have them contact Howard Susskind.

Client's Printed Name

Client's Signature

___/___/___
Date

Troy Jenne

From: Pedro Herrera <peterherrera@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 8:02 AM
To: Peter Herrera
Subject: Notice of Departure from Law Firm (URGENT)

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Dear Valued Client,

Effective February 27, 2026, I, PEDRO A. HERRERA, resigned from the law firm of Sugarman Susskind Braswell & Herrera, PA. I am leaving the firm to join the national law firm of Jones Walker LLP (<https://www.joneswalker.com/en/>) My decision represents an opportunity to provide you with continued expert legal advice in public pension law while affording clients with the greatest possible service supported by a national network of resources and infrastructure. This is not a decision I have taken lightly after 21+ years of dedicated service and it should not be construed as adversely reflecting in any way on my former firm.

I want to be sure that there is no disadvantage to you, as the client, from my move. The decision as to how the matters that I have worked on for you are handled, and who handles them in the future, will be completely yours. Whatever you decide will be determinative.

Inasmuch as I was your designated lawyer, I am required by the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar to inform you that you have the right to choose to have me, Pedro A. Herrera, continue in my new capacity under the same existing terms to represent you as legal counsel, or you may have my prior firm continue to represent you, or you can choose to retain an entirely new lawyer.

If you wish to have me or a new lawyer continue to represent you, arrangements to secure your outstanding account, if any, with my prior firm will have to be made before the file can be released to me or a new lawyer. Any retained/unspent fees or costs currently held by the firm will be promptly returned or transferred to me or the new lawyer as you so designate.

Please advise me and my prior firm, as quickly as possible, of your decision so that continuity in your representation is assured.

You may do so by indicating your choice below and returning a signed and dated copy via email to peterherrera@gmail.com while my new Jones Walker firm email is being generated. Please retain a copy of this designation letter for your records.

Please initial:

_____ I wish my file to stay with Sugarman Susskind Braswell (& Herrera), PA

_____ I wish to assign my current engagement contract to Pedro A. Herrera at Jones Walker LLP and my file to be transferred to Pedro A. Herrera. Please send my file either electronically (preferred) or physically to Jones Walker LLP, 201 S Biscayne Blvd, #3000, Miami, FL 33131.

_____ I will retain new counsel and have them contact Sugarman Susskind Braswell (& Herrera), PA.

Client Name

Client Signature

Date: _____

Kindly,

Pedro A. Herrera

NOTE NEW CELL PHONE - (305) 619-3222