



**Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement
In-Person Meeting Agenda
April 8th, 2025 (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
3629 Queen Palm Ave., Tampa, FL, 33619**

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) hosted by Hillsborough County. The following active members were present and signed in:

Joseph Spawn	City of Pinellas Park	Edward Spriggs	Hillsborough County
Misael Cedillo	Manatee County	Florentino Rodriguez	City of Tampa
Sergio Besnal	Manatee County	John Carrion	City of Tampa
Christopher Masson	Hillsborough County	Ayako Ruckdechel	City of St. Pete Beach
Michael Gallaway	Hillsborough County	Barbara Riley	City of Tampa
Doug Allen	City of Temple Terrace	Tyler Beaulieu	City of Tampa
Laurie Smith	City of Temple Terrace	John Stephens	City of Clearwater
Gregg Silliman	City of Oldsmar	Jarrid Daniels	City of Clearwater
Carmen Marcano	City of Tampa	Craig Lyman	City of Bradenton
Jason Zalva	Hillsborough County	Frank Pontello	City of Bradenton
Joe Gross	Hillsborough County	Doug Jones	City of Bradenton
Arthur Bork	Pasco County	Paolo Pecora	Hillsborough County
Denise Hernandez	Pasco County	Eric Long	Hillsborough County
Michael Kotcho	Hillsborough County	Stephen Burghardt	City of Clearwater
Christine Britt	City of Pinellas Park	Joelia Still	Pinellas County
Winston Sullivan	City of Pinellas Park	Diane Devol	Pinellas County
Steven Rivera	City of St. Pete Beach	Christine Zien-McCombs	Hillsborough County
Luis Cruz	City of St. Pete Beach	Tom Borroni	City of Temple Terrace
Cassandra Wood	City of Plant City	Louis Gomez	City of Plant City
Tina Barber	City of Plant City	Rey Muniz	City of Plant City

1. CALL TO ORDER: 11:40

TBACE President, Christine Zien-McCombs discussed new business and introduced guest speakers. Guest speakers took over and introduced himself.

2. APROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Tom Borroni, City of Temple Terrace, and a second by Doug Allen, City of Temple Terrace to approve the 02/11/2025 minutes.

3. TRESURERS REPORT: \$5,979.60

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

- 5. NEW BUSINESS:** The FACE conference is in June. Announced the scholarship program. TBACE President, Christine Zien-McCombs will be sent by TBACE to the FACE conference. The June meeting will have to change the date due to the FACE conference being during the same week.

6. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Introduction: Guest Speakers Paolo, and Eric, both introduced themselves.

Topics:

1. *Why mosquitos?*

Disease control, nuisance control, and economy. Spoke about Hillsborough County facts and size of Hillsborough. Area population increase. Malaria in Florida. Yellow fever arrived from Cuba. Hillsborough County Mosquito control established in 1950 and the 75th anniversary is on May 10th 2025.

2. *What is a mosquito?*

Paolo described the anatomy of the mosquito. Mosquitos' feed on other insects. The word "Ankle biters" came from mosquitos. Mosquito facts: over 3500 species in the world, over 50 in the United States, over 80 in Florida, and over 40 in Hillsborough. All mosquitos are pollinators. Mosquitos find host by body heat and body odors. Mosquitos' need water. Females' lay eggs on water. Eggs can lay dormant. Described different types of species. Talked about Code Enforcement and the encounters for mosquitos. Displayed illustrations such as tires and debris. Paolo stated that mosquitos are some of the deadliest animals in the world. Last year, there was an advisory for dengue in Hillsborough County. Showed QR code for alerts (Dept. of health).

3. *Open water mosquitos:*

Described the types of species that live in open water. Malaria is a parasite. Malaria very painful. Displayed the factors of malaria. Talked about dirty pools.

4. *West Nile:*

Described the causes of west Nile virus with mosquitos. 1000 cases of west Nile virus in Phoenix Arizona. No cure for west Nile virus, prevention is key. Hillsborough County Mosquito Control tests their products "in-house." Mosquitos are adapting to pesticides. Working with USDA. Question about tires, and that tires are perfect for mosquitos'. There needs to be water in the tires.

5. *Operations:*

Speakers recently attended American Mosquito Control Association in Puerto Rico on integrated pest management and treating larvae stage of mosquitos. Every Tuesday they bleed chickens and test for disease. They treat for mosquitos with fish. Hillsborough is not the only county dealing with this. Showcased mosquito control personnel. Surveillance commences integrated mosquito management program. Thonotosassa is highest mosquito count in Hillsborough County. Question about conservations ponds, Hillsborough deals with some. Eric said that they are putting together something for local HOAs. Hillsborough County breeds some of their fish "in-house." Announced fish giveaways. Operations, they use jeep for urban environment and have 2 helicopters. Described the uses of their equipment. Helicopters used for coastline. Helicopters fly 60 feet at 60 miles per hour. It is known as aerial swath.

6. *Salt marsh Mosquitos*

Salt marsh mosquitos are very aggressive and have a large flights range. *Aedes Taeniorhynchus* cold can affect their growth. Treatments include Adulticide, Larvicide. Mosquitos hang out toward edge of pond not middle. Hillsborough uses “Dibrom” for worst case scenarios. When things get out of hand, dibrom is reset bottom. Fyfanon is other product they use. Question about effects on humans, everything they use is EPA friendly. Over 120k treated acres. Illustration of how the adulticide works. Mosquitos killed on site, no taking back for mosquito family.

7. *Larvicide:*

Part of integrated mosquito management. Demonstration of the SDS sheet. Illustrated labels.

8. *Outreach and public education:*

Talked about their outreach program and the outreach personnel. Mentioned that they do have bees. Paolo said that he speaks at bees conference. Bees are regulated by the State. Talked about the site to go to follow-up with mosquitos cases on ArcGIS. Displayed notifications on County website. Different features on website such as fish requests. Showed video of helicopter.

Question: Are you guys’ bug nerds?

Answer: Paolo studies mosquitos. Paolo grew up fishing and hunting.

Question: Can we call you?

Answer: You can if you come across scenario if you are getting eaten up. If its real public health.

Blooming flowers odor is good repellent.

Presentation START: 1150

Presentation END: 1305

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Secretary: None

Treasurer: None

Vice president: None

President: Scholarship program is now accepting applications. June meeting to be rescheduled to the third Tuesday of the month. TBACE President will be sent to the FACE conference.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 1310

Respectfully submitted by:

John Carrion
Secretary,
Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement
April 25th, 2025