



## *City of Naples*

City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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### **Auditor Selection Committee Meeting – May 11, 2026 – 2:02 p.m.**

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**It is noted for the record that all documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting with the City Clerk's Office.**

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#### **1) Roll Call**

##### **Board Members Present:**

Ted Blankenship, Chair

Daniel Barone

Joseph Murray

##### **Staff Members Present:**

Stefan Massol, Finance Director

Somer Adams, Bids and Grants Coordinator

Felix Gomez, Procurement and Contracts Mgr.

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

##### **Others Present:**

Alexandra Mitchell

Eddy Castaneda

Michael Sandstrum

Christopher Kessler

Jeffrey Wolf

Tiffany Mangold

Pearce Hogan

#### **2) Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3) Public Comment**

None.

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**It is noted for the record that recesses were held at 2:40 p.m. to 2:44 p.m. and 3:22 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. The Same Committee Members were present when the meeting reconvened.**

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#### **4) Finalist Interviews**

Procurement and Contracts Manager Felix Gomez facilitated the interview process, noting that each firm would be allotted 30 minutes for its presentation and 15 minutes for a question and answer period. The following firms then utilized electronic presentations to respond to questions provided to them following the May 7, 2026 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting.

1. CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP  
Christopher Kessler, Managing Principal of Industry  
Alexandra Mitchell, Manager
2. Forvis Mazars, LLP  
Jeffrey Wolf, Partner  
Eddy Castaneda, CFE – Director
3. Purvis Gray and Company, LLC  
Tiffany Mangold, Partner in Charge  
Michael Sandstrum, IT Audit Director  
Pearce Hogan, Audit Manager

Members' questions were answered following each presentation.

[CLA Presentation \(Petitioner Added Attachment\)](#) 

[Forvis Mazars Presentation \(Petitioner Added Attachment\)](#) 

[Purvis Gray Presentation \(Petitioner Added Attachment\)](#) 

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**Recess from 4:07 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. It is noted for the record that the same Committee Members were present when the meeting was reconvened.**

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**5) Review and Evaluation of Interviewed Finalists**

Following the conclusion of all three presentations, Procurement and Contracts Manager Felix Gomez facilitated the evaluation and ranking phase using individual scoring sheets distributed to each Member. Following a brief discussion, Members utilized scoring sheets to rank the firms. Procurement and Contracts Manager Gomez announced the ranking as follows:

1. CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
2. Purvis Gray and Company, LLC
3. Forvis Mazars, LLP

**MOTION by Barone to RECOMMEND FORWARDING the three highest-ranked firms to City Council in the following order: 1) CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP; 2) Purvis Gray and Company, LLC; and 3) Forvis Mazars, LLP, and to RECOMMEND ENGAGEMENT of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP as the City's auditing firm; seconded by Murray and unanimously carried, all Members present and voting (Barone-yes, Murray-yes, Blankenship-yes).**

Finance Director Stefan Massol informed the Committee that the item would be heard at the May 20, 2026 Regular City Council meeting and the Committee's recommendation would be presented at that time.

[26-021 Individual Scoring Sheets](#) 

**6) Adjourn**

4:30 p.m.