



# BCC Appointment Process to Certain Advisory Boards



**November 14, 2023**



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# Purpose

- To Discuss the Process for BCC Appointments to Certain Advisory Boards and Identify Possibilities for Improvement.



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# Background

- At the meeting on January 10, 2023 the BCC requested County Administration look into how other counties appoint certain members to advisory boards and to share findings.



# Background

- The County has 56 Advisory Boards
- Citizens interested in serving on Advisory Boards can find information on those advisory boards by going to:  
[https://apps.ocfl.net/aware/advisory/board\\_listing.asp](https://apps.ocfl.net/aware/advisory/board_listing.asp)
- Advisory Board Appointments are done by direct appointment or the MMRB process for most boards, however, some members of five boards are appointed by the BCC.
- Five Boards appointments done by BCC:
  - 1)Library Board of Trustees
  - 2)Planning and Zoning Commission
  - 3)Membership Mission Review Board
  - 4)Code Enforcement Board
  - 5)Tourist Development Tax Sports Incentive Committee



# Background

- Current Process for Appointment to Certain Advisory Boards
  - A memo is sent to the Board informing them of a vacancy or term expiration and asking for nominations approximately six weeks before the scheduled board meeting.
  - Subsequently, a memo listing the nominees in order of submission is included in the agenda.
  - At the Board meeting, nominations are heard in the order of submission.
  - The first nominee to receive four votes is appointed.
  - If only one nominee is submitted, the agenda item is placed on the Consent Agenda.





# Background

- Until 2019 Section 2.10 E of the Board's Rules and Procedures stated:
  - E. Votes of Appointments: When the Board appoints persons to its various boards and authorities, it may deviate from the normal procedure of motions and votes and, instead, allow any Board member to nominate a prospective appointee. Nominations need no second, and each Board member may offer one nomination for each vacancy.



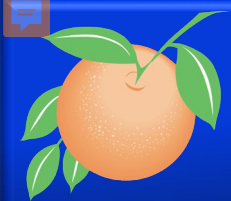
# Background

- The Boards Process for Appointing Persons to Advisory Boards is laid out in Section 2.10 E of the Board's Rules of Procedure.
- E. Votes on Appointments. When the Board appoints persons to its various boards and authorities, it may deviate from the normal procedure of motions and votes and, instead, allow any Board member to nominate a prospective appointee provided that, in accordance with agenda deadlines, the prospective nominee's name has been submitted to the Mayor for inclusion on the official agenda of the Board. Nominations need no second. After nominations have ceased, the Presiding Officer shall announce each nominee, and Board members shall vote for nominees in the order the nominations were made, with each Board member casting one vote for each vacancy. Appointments shall occur only when a nominee receives a vote of a majority of the Board members present.



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# Other Jurisdictions

County	Appointment Process
Broward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of vacancies provided to Commissioners along with applications.</li> <li>On a rotating basis, each Commissioner gets the first choice to fill the vacancy; if a commissioner declines, the choice moves to the next Commissioner.</li> <li>If no Commissioner nominates someone to fill vacancy, all eligible applications are discussed and voted upon during BCC meeting in alphabetical order by applicant last name</li> </ul>
Hillsborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioners receive a binder with all eligible applicants in alphabetical order.</li> <li>Applications considered and voted upon during BCC meeting in alphabetical order by applicant last name.</li> <li>First applicant to receive four votes is appointed</li> </ul>
Osceola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioners receive copies of applications.</li> <li>During BCC meeting, Chair nominates their applicant of choice to fill the vacancy; BCC votes; majority vote required for appointment.</li> <li>If Chair's nominee does not receive majority vote, Vice-Chair makes nomination and process continues, moving on to other Commissioners for nominations if Vice-Chair's nominee is not appointed by majority vote</li> </ul>
Palm Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of eligible applicants provided to Commissioners in order applications received.</li> <li>Voted on in order applications received.</li> <li>First applicant to receive majority vote of BCC is appointed</li> </ul>



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# Commissioner's Feedback

Wants Ballot.

Liked the way the Library nomination occurred where all nominations were in and people started making nominations.

Wants updated list of people who have applied.

Likes Current Process, yet thinks notification real time would build trust.

Would like nominees to attend and speak at BCC Meeting.

Doesn't want nominations from the floor.

Doesn't like favor going to timing of application submitted.

Wants process that allows for meaningful input. Suggests perhaps letters of recommendation from at least two or three commissioners and allow time for due diligence to vet candidates.



# Action Requested

## Next Steps

- Continue with Current Process?
- Suggest an Alternative Process?