

BCC Mtg. Date: November 19, 2024

RESOLUTION

of the

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-M-27, RESOLUTION NO.
94-M-71, and RESOLUTION NO. 2003-M-58**

regarding

**THE ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
BOARD; REAFFIRMING THE CREATION OF THE
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, ORANGE COUNTY CODE;
REAFFIRMING AND AMENDING THE CREATION, PURPOSE,
FUNCTION, POWERS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD; REAFFIRMING THE
PROVISION OF SUPPORT STAFF; REAFFIRMING AND
AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP; REAFFIRMING THE
TERMS OF OFFICE; REAFFIRMING AND AMENDING THE
SUNSET OF SAID ADVISORY BOARD; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

Resolution No. 2024-M-48

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) approved Resolution Nos. 94-M-27 and 94-M-71 (together, the “94 Resolutions”), creating the Orange County Agricultural Advisory Board (the “AAB”) to obtain the input of the agricultural community concerning rules, regulations, and ordinances affecting the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, the BCC approved Resolution No. 2003-M-58 on December 2, 2003, amending the 94 Resolutions to change the composition of the membership of the AAB to better reflect the types of agribusinesses that existed in Orange County (the “2003 Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, to simplify the guidance related to the AAB, the BCC desires to prepare a single comprehensive resolution that supersedes the 94 Resolutions and the 2003 Resolution in their entirety, while incorporating, as necessary, the changes made therein and further amending the membership of the AAB as set forth herein.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE
COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Orange County Agricultural Advisory Board. There is hereby created a special advisory board called the Orange County Agricultural Advisory Board. The Agricultural Advisory Board shall serve as an independent advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) for the purpose of assisting in the review and analysis of those Orange County rules, regulations, and ordinances affecting the agricultural industry. For purposes of this resolution, the agricultural industry shall include industries focused on equine / livestock, foliage / plant nurseries, landscape management, allied horticulture, fruit crop, urban agriculture / small farm, tree production / arborists and agricultural education. For purposes of this resolution, allied horticulture shall mean the various supportive and interconnected fields that contribute to the practice and study of horticulture to provide essential resources, services, and knowledge to enhance horticultural practices, including but not limited to soil science, plant pathology, entomology, agricultural engineering, environmental science, agribusiness, genetics and plant breeding, and landscape architecture.

Section 2. Agricultural Advisory Board Functions, Powers, and Responsibilities.
The Agricultural Advisory Board shall have the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:

(a) To provide recommendations and comments to the Board of County Commissioners on those proposed County rules, regulations, and ordinances affecting the agricultural industry.

(b) To provide recommendations and comments to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the overall costs and benefits of rules, regulations, and ordinances to the agricultural industry in an effort to retain and enhance the industry’s presence in the community.

(c) To prepare an annual report for the Board of County Commissioners on its activities, goals and objectives.

(d) To represent the agricultural industry to ensure future improvement and advocacy.

Section 3. *Appointments; Qualifications; Terms; Removal; Vacancies; Attendance, etc.* The Agricultural Advisory Board shall comply with and be governed by Chapter 2, Article VI of the Orange County Code as it may be amended from time to time (or by any successor provisions of the Code), with respect to the following:

(a) Method of appointment to the Board;

(b) Qualifications for appointment and requirements of membership;

(c) Terms of service on the Board;

(d) Attendance requirements;

(e) Vacancies and removal from the Board;

(f) Election of officers on the Board, rules of procedure at meetings, and recordation of minutes;

(g) Compliance with applicable provisions of Florida laws pertaining to public meetings, public records, ethics, and financial disclosure.

Terms of office on the Agricultural Advisory Board shall be staggered and shall expire on December 31 of each year.

Section 4. Membership. The Agricultural Advisory Board shall consist of eleven voting members appointed from the following categories, whenever possible:

(a) Two members with expertise and experience in the equine and/or livestock industry;

(b) Two members with expertise and experience in the plant / foliage nursery industry;

(c) Two members with expertise and experience in landscape management or water management;

(d) One member with expertise and experience in the allied horticulture industry;

(e) One member with expertise and experience in the fruit crop industry;

(f) One member with expertise and experience in urban agriculture or small farms;

(g) One member with expertise and experience as a tree producer and/or arborist or, in the event that a member with such qualifications cannot be timely appointed, one at-large member; and

(h) One member with expertise and experience in agricultural education or, in the event that a representative with such qualifications cannot be timely appointed, one at-large member

Section 5. Staff Support. Orange County shall provide staff support to the Agricultural Advisory Board in the form of clerical support, posting and recording of meetings, and postage for mailings.

Section 6. Effect of Resolution. This Resolution amends, replaces, and supersedes all portions and provisions of prior motions or resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Agricultural Advisory Board, including the 94 Resolutions and the 2003 Resolution.

Section 7. Effective Date; Sunset. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and shall expire and be of no further force and effect on December 31, 2026, unless readopted by the Board of County Commissioners before that date.

ADOPTED THIS 19 DAY OF November, 2024.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Jerry L. Demings
Jerry L. Demings,
for Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Jennifer Ann - Kinety
Deputy Clerk