

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 15, 2012 [] Consent [X] Regular
[] Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By/For: County Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: removal of the listed members from their respective boards/committees for non-compliance with the revised Palm Beach County Code of Ethics Ordinance training requirements.

Summary: In December 2009, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) to help ensure that public officials and employees abide by the highest ethical standards. On May 17, 2012, the BCC adopted revisions to the Code. Under the revised Code, any individual appointed by the BCC is considered an "official" and is required to comply with the Code. In August 2011, notices were sent to committee members with instructions on accessing the on-line training program; and reminder notices were sent in mid-November. In addition, in February 2012, County Administration contacted department/division committee liaisons requesting the need to follow up with their respective committee members. One final notice was sent on April 16, 2012, with an established deadline of April 30, 2012 for compliance. The attached list represents those committee members who have still not satisfied the revised ethics training requirements, and are being recommended for removal. Countywide (LB)

Background and Policy Issues: Upon adoption of the Code in December 2009, the County Attorney's Office developed an on-line training ethics program for County employees and advisory board members. From March 2010 to June 2010, County Administration worked to train existing advisory board members on the newly adopted Code. On May 17, 2011, the BCC adopted a revised Code. The new Code, defined that any individual appointed by the BCC is considered an "official" is required to comply with the Code. The Commission on Ethics determined that all members now needed to be trained or retrained on the revised Code. Once the Commission on Ethics completed the revised on-line training program, County Administration began the process of notifying over 700 members about the ethics training/retraining requirement. Notices were sent in August and November of 2011, with a final notice sent April 2012. In addition to the written notices, the department/division liaisons were notified in order that they could assist in bringing their respective committee members into compliance. Staff now recommends removal of those committee members who have still not satisfied the ethics training/retraining requirements.

Attachments:
Committee Members Removal List

Recommended by: Patty Hrdle 5/3/12
Agenda Coordinator Date
Approved By: Bob Weir 5/10/12
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	*	_____	_____	_____	_____
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
 Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
 Object _____ Reporting Category _____

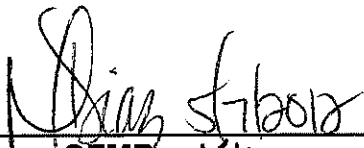
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* No Fiscal Impact

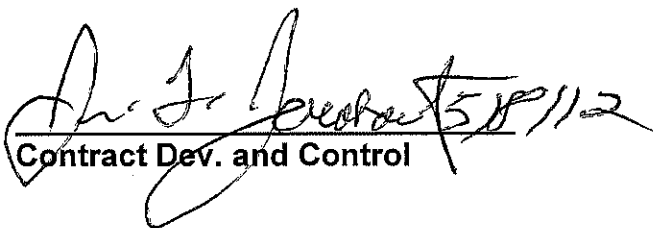
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:



 OFMB *SA 5/12*



 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	BOARD/COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENT TYPE
Manual	Almira	Overall Economic Development Program Committee*	At-Large
James	Kelly	Criminal Justice Commission	At-Large
Dorotha	Lemeh	Public Art Committeee	At-Large
Ashley	Tripp	Overall Economic Development Program Committee*	At-Large
		*Committee has been inactive since December 2009	