

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 12, 2013

Department: County Administration

Advisory Board: Commission on Ethics Drafting Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

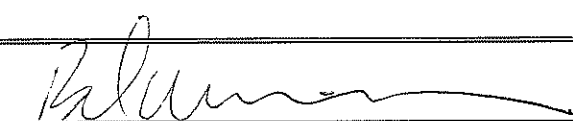
Motion & Title: Staff recommends motion to appoint two of the following individuals to the Commission on Ethics (COE) Ordinance Drafting Committee:

	<u>Nominees</u>
	David Baker
APPOINT TWO	Alan Johnson
	Bruce Lewis
	Dennis Lipp

Summary: On February 5, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved reconvening the COE Drafting Ordinance Committee to recommend possible modifications to the Ordinance, specifically as it relates to the composition of the COE and term limits. This Committee will consist of two appointees from the BCC, two appointees from the League of Cities, an attorney representing each entity, and the Executive Director of the COE. The above nominations have been received for consideration. Countywide (LB)

Background and Justification: In December 2009 as part of a series of ethics reforms, the BCC adopted an Ordinance creating the Commission on Ethics. The COE Ordinance was modified in September 2010, and again in May 2011. In February 2013, the BCC discussed possible modifications to the COE Ordinance, specifically the composition and potential term limits. The current composition of the COE is five members: (1) former law enforcement official with experience in investing white collar crime or public corruption appointed by the president of the county association of chiefs of police; (2) an attorney with experience in ethics regulations of public officials and employees appointed by the president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Palm Beach County, the president of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association and the president of the county bar association; (3) a faculty member who teaches at an institution of higher education with a campus located in the county and who has taught a course in professional legal ethics or has published or performed services in the field of professional legal ethics appointed by the president of Florida Atlantic University; (4) a certified public accountant (CPA) who posses at least five years forensic audit experience appointed by the president of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Institute of CPAs; and (5) a former elected official for a governmental entity in the County appointed by the board of directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. COE Members serve for a term of four year with no limit on the number of terms. Any changes to the COE Ordinance require the establishment of a drafting committee to meet and make recommendations to the BCC.

Attachments: None

Recommended by:		
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

Legal Sufficiency:		2/28/13
	Assistant County Attorney	Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director