

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 26, 2013

**Department:** County Administration

**Advisory Board:** Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

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

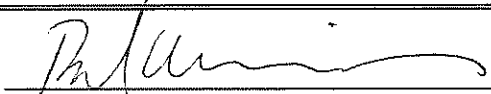

**APPOINT ONE**

<u>Nominees</u>
Alan Johnson
Dennis Lipp

**Summary:** On February 5, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved reconvening the COE Ordinance Drafting 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. At their March 12, 2013 Meeting, the BCC was scheduled to select the two BCC representatives, but was only able to reach a consensus for one nominee (David Baker). With the absence of one Commissioner, there was a tie vote between the above two nominees. Today's action would select the second representative. 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 investigating 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 possesses 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 years 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

<b>Recommended by:</b>	 <b>Assistant County Administrator</b>	<u>3/14/13</u> <b>Date</b>
<b>Legal Sufficiency:</b>	 <b>Assistant County Attorney</b>	<u>3/18/13</u> <b>Date</b>

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

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Department Director