

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 18, 2013
Submitted By: Water Utilities
Advisory Board Name: Water Utilities Advisory Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the re-appointment of two (2) at-large members to the Water Utilities Advisory Board for a term of three (3) years effective June 18, 2013 through June 17, 2016.

<u>Nominee:</u>	<u>Requirements:</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Edwin Wechsler	Current WUD Customer Resides in PBC	8	Comm. Valeche Comm. Burdick Comm. Berger
Lawrence Gold	Current WUD Customer Resides in PBC	9	Comm. Valeche Comm. Burdick Comm. Berger

Summary: Resolution No. R-2012-0904 provides for an eleven-member Water Utilities Advisory Board. The membership consists of seven (7) District members, two (2) County-wide At-Large members, one (1) Lake Region member and one (1) Royal Palm Beach At-Large member.


On June 7, 2013, Edwin Wechsler and Lawrence Gold's terms expired as at-large members of the Water Utilities Advisory Board (WUAB). Mr. Gold has served on the WUAB for 11 years. Mr. Wechsler has served on the WUAB since November 2008. Both individuals have indicated a desire to continue as WUAB members, and the Advisory Board unanimously supports their re-appointment. The Commissioners were notified of the vacancies by the Water Utilities Department on May 21, 2013.
Countywide (MJ)


Background and Justification: The Water Utilities Advisory Board (WUAB) was created by the Board of County Commissioners in March 1984 to provide informed consumer advice regarding the Water Utilities Department policies, plans and programs. The WUAB reviews the Department's annual budget as well as proposed rate changes. It also makes recommendations concerning capital improvement plans, acquisitions, new technologies for improving water, wastewater and reclaimed water service, and assists in handling the Department's Administrative Hearings. The Board consists of 11 members with nine (9) seats currently filled and a diversity count of four (4) Caucasian males, three (3) African-American males and two (2) Caucasian females.

The Chairman of the WUDAB, along with Department Staff, recommends the reappointment of Edwin Wechsler and Lawrence Gold due to their outstanding service to date. The Commissioners were notified of the vacancies by the Water Utilities Department on May 21, 2013.

Attachments:

1. Completed Board Appointment Forms
2. Resolution No. R-2012-0904
3. Advisory Board Members List
4. Advisory Board Attendance Records
5. Memo to BCC dated 5-21-13

Recommended By:  6/4/13
Department Director **Date**

Legal Sufficiency:  6/4/13
Assistant County Attorney **Date**

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g. Wechsler
5/15/2013

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*Applicant's Signature: *Edwin Wechsler* Printed Name: Edwin S. Wechsler Date: May 15, 2013

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Commissioner's Signature: *Kal R. Volpe* Date: 5/23/13

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Commissioner's Signature: *Paula Beth Burdick* Date: 5-23-2013

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All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and read the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment prior to appointment/reappointment. Article XIII, and the training requirement can be found on the web at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>. Keep in mind this requirement is on-going.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and I have received the required Ethics training (in the manner checked below):

- By watching the training program on the Web, DVD or VHS
 By attending a live presentation given on _____, 20__

AND

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment & State of Florida Code of Ethics:

*Applicant's Signature: Lawrence Gold Printed Name: LAWRENCE GOLD Date: 5-16-13

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, please visit the Commission on Ethics website www.palmbeachcountyethics.com or contact us via email at ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com or (561) 233-0724.

Return this FORM to:
 Valerie Cintron
 Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department
 8100 Forest Hill Blvd, Administration Bldg.
 West Palm Beach, FL 33413

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: Mary Lou Berger Date: 6/6/13

Pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law, this document may be reviewed and photocopied by members of the public.

Revised 08/01/2011

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012- 0904

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY RESOLUTION R-2006-0867, RELATING TO THE WATER UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD, IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE LAKE REGION MEMBER, AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2004, the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay (the "Glades Cities") entered into interlocal agreements for the purchase of bulk potable water service with Palm Beach County ("Bulk Interlocals"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bulk Interlocals, the Glades Cities were collectively granted a position on the County's Water Utilities Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, due to issues in reaching a consensus from the Glades Cities during previous nominations of the Lake Region Member, as well as the recent disbanding of the Glades Tri-Cities Coalition, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to modify the nominating process for the Lake Region Member whereby the Board of County Commissioners will appoint the Lake Region Member from residents of the Glades Cities and adjacent unincorporated areas who submit applications for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to make additional changes to the Resolution related to eligibility for membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that

Section 1. Rescission of Previous Resolution.

Resolution R2006-0867 is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. Creation, Composition.

There is hereby created the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as "Advisory Board." Said Advisory Board shall be composed of eleven members: seven (7) District Members, one appointed by each of the Commissioners for a term of three years; two (2) At-Large Members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term of three years; one (1) Lake Region Member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term of three years from

residents of the Glades Cities and adjacent unincorporated areas who submit applications for the position; and one (1) Royal Palm Beach Member, to be appointed by the Village of Royal Palm Beach Village Council, and confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term of three years.

District and At-Large Advisory Board Members must be County residents and current customers of the Department to be eligible for appointment. The Lake Region Member shall reside in the Glades Cities or in the unincorporated area immediately adjacent to one of the Glades Cities and shall be a current customer of the Glades Utility Authority or its successor utility. The Royal Palm Beach Member must be a resident of the Village of Royal Palm Beach and a current customer of the Department, and shall have all of the rights and obligations of the Advisory Board.

Preference for membership shall be accorded, but not limited to, those residents who are knowledgeable or possess expertise in the following areas: utilities, operations, engineering, law, planning, management, and accounting and finance.

Upon compliance with the applicable exemption provisions of Florida Statute, Chapter 112.313(12), and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, up to two (2) Advisory Board members may be involved in a business relationship, directly or indirectly, with the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department. Employees of Federal, State or local agencies which have regulatory/enforcement authority over the Department's activities shall not be eligible for membership on the Advisory Board.

Section 3. Power and Duties of the Advisory Board.

The powers and duties of the Advisory Board shall include the following:

- (1) To review existing and proposed policies, plans and programs of the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department, and to advise the Board of County Commissioners and/or the Department as to any need for modification of same;
- (2) To review and make recommendations concerning proposed capital improvement plans and programs;
- (3) To review existing or proposed rate changes, rate structures, and the annual budget of the Water Utilities Department;

- (4) To assist in communications with other on-line customers served by the
the
Water Utilities Department;

Section 4. Vacancies, Removal from Board.

Vacancies on the Advisory Board shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County (for At-Large Members and the Lake Region Member) or District Commissioner (for District Appointments), or by the Village of Royal Palm Beach Village Council (for the Royal Palm Beach Member) for the unexpired term vacated upon confirmation by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County may remove any member(s) of the Advisory Board from office upon affirmative vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. Meetings and Procedures.

The Advisory Board shall select its own Chair and Vice Chair at an election held at the first meeting and annually thereafter. Advisory Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Procedure. The Advisory Board shall schedule ten (10) regular meetings in each calendar year. The Chair shall have the power to schedule special meetings or cancel regularly scheduled meetings as the workload of the Advisory Board requires.

The Advisory Board shall keep a permanent record of its proceedings, and shall file approved minutes from its meetings with the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County. All meetings, records and files of the Advisory Board shall be open and available to the public.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marcus, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Shelley Vana, Chair	Absent
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams, Vice Chairman	Aye
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus	Aye
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	Aye
Commissioner Burt Aaronson	Aye
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	Aye
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor	Aye


The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this


19th day of June, 2010.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK AND
COMPTROLLER

By:


Deputy Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:


County Attorney

PBC Water Utilities Advisory Board Members - Updated 5-15-13

WUD Seat Number	Name	Address	Email	Phone	Cell	Date First Appointed	Date Current Term Began	Term Expires	Commission District
1	Harvey Arnold Vice Chair	15441 Lake Gardenia Place Delray Beach, FL 33484	nohanash@aol.com	561-496-3226	561-665-1468	5/2/2000	5/3/2010	5/2/2013	District 1 Hal R. Valeche
2	Theodore Cott	6768 10th Ave, North #105 Lake Worth, FL 33467	tedspeakes@att.net	561-432-1417	561-313-0058	11/20/2012	11/20/2012	11/20/2015	District 2 Paulette Burdick
3	Lewis Doctor	7015 Brunswick Circle Boynton Beach, FL 33472	lewisdoctor@gmail.com	561-735-7564	561-523-5442	4/7/2009	7/19/2011	7/18/2014	District 3 Shelley Vana
4	Burt Goodman	22507 Caravelle Circle Boca Raton, FL 33433	burtgoodman@comcast.net	561-362-6556	n/a	8/18/2009	5/3/2011	5/2/2014	District 4 Steve Abrams
5	Mae Yates Chair	6842 Watertown Drive Boynton Beach, FL 33437	repunit19@att.net	561-735-0104	561-716-7557	5/15/1984	5/3/2011	5/2/2014	District 5 Mary Lou Berger
6	Derrek Moore	City of Pahokee 207 Begonia Drive Pahokee, FL 33476	dmoore@cityofpahokee.com	561-924-5534	561-261-1282	10/16/2012	10/16/2012	10/16/2015	District 6 Jess R. Santamaria
7	Frank Matthews	171 Ohio Road Lake Worth, FL 33467	mat1943@bellsouth.net	561-964-4530	561-906-6886	5/3/2011	5/3/2011	5/2/2014	District 7 Priscilla A.Taylor
8	Edwin Wechsler	7895 New Holland Way Boynton Beach, FL 33437	ejw1280@aol.com	561-739-6330	n/a	11/18/2008	6/8/2010	6/7/2013	At-Large
9	Lawrence Gold	9864 Lemonwood Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437	arlinka@comcast.net	561-733-6675	n/a	6/4/2002	6/8/2010	6/7/2013	At-Large
10	Beverly J. Scott	City of Belle Glade 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Belle Glade, FL 33430	bscott@belleglade-fl.com	561-992-1623	561-436-8838	10/16/2012	10/16/2012	10/16/2015	Lake Region
11	Carlton Brooks	115 Saratoga Blvd West Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411	carltonabrooks@gmail.com	954-558-0417	n/a	4/5/2011	4/5/2011	4/5/2013	At-Large (RPB)

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2012 PBC WUD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

	Jan 27th	Feb 24th	Mar 30th	Apr 27th	May 25th	Jun 29th	Jul 27th	AUG NO MTG	Sep 28th	Oct 26th	NOV NO MTG	Dec 7th	Total Absences
Beverly Scott	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	P		P	0
Burt Goodman	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		P	A		P	2
Carlton Brooks	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	1
Derrek Moore	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	P		A	1
Edwin Wechsler	P	P	P	P	A	P	P		A	A		P	3
Frank Matthews	P	P	A	A	A	P	A		P	P		P	4
Harvey Arnold	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P	0
Jerry Greenstein	P	P				N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Lawrence Gold	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		A	A		P	2
Lewis Doctor	P	P	P	P	A	P	A		P	P		P	2
Mae Yates	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		A	P		P	1

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	Jan 25th	Feb 22nd	Mar 29th	Apr 26th	May 31st	Jun 28th	Jul 26th	AUG NO MTG	Sep 27th	Oct 25th	NOV NO MTG	Dec 6th	Total Absences
Beverly Scott	P	P	A	P									
Burt Goodman	P	P	P	P									
Carlton Brooks	P	P	A	P									
Derrek Moore	P	P	P	P									
Edwin Wechsler	P	A	P	P									
Frank Matthews	P	P	P	P									
Harvey Arnold	P	P	P	P									
Lawrence Gold	A	P	P	P									
Lewis Doctor	P	P	P	P									
Mae Yates	P	P	P	P									
Theodore Cott	P	P	P	P									

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2013

TO: The Honorable Steven Abrams, Mayor
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Bevin Beaudet, P.E. *Bevin Beaudet*
Director, Water Utilities Department

RE: Water Utilities Advisory Board At-large Re-appointment
request for Edwin Wechsler and Lawrence Gold

The purpose of this memo is to request your consideration in the reappointment of Edwin Wechsler and Lawrence Gold, two current members of the Water Utilities Advisory Board (WUAB). Mr. Gold's term expires on June 7, 2013. Mr. Gold has served on the WUAB for 11 years. His contributions to the Water Utilities Department and the County have been invaluable. Mr. Wechsler's term expires on June 7, 2013. Mr. Wechsler has served on the WUAB since November 2008, and his contributions have also been exemplary. Both individuals have indicated a desire to continue as WUAB members, and the Advisory Board unanimously supports their reappointment.

In accordance with PPM #CWO-O-023, Commissioners can nominate an at-large appointment by sending a Board of County Commissioners Board/Committees Application for each nomination to County Administration. The nominations are then submitted for confirmation during a Commission meeting under "Board Appointments." Attached for your convenience are the BCC Resolution R-2012-0904, Attendance Records, completed Board Appointment Information Forms, and a current membership list.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

cc: Robert Weisman, P.E., County Administrator
Shannon LaRocque-Baas, P.E., Assistant County Administrator
Mae Yates, WUDAB Chairperson
Edwin Wechsler, WUAB Member
Lawrence Gold, WUAB Member
Becky Salinas, Contract Management Specialist