

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 7, 2015
Department: County Administration
Advisory Board: Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

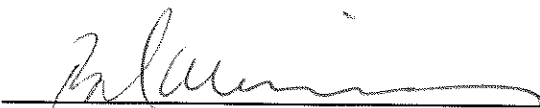
Motion & Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: appointment of two of the following individuals to the Commission on Ethics (COE) Ordinance Drafting Committee:

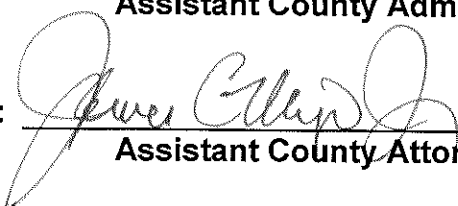
APPOINT TWO
Nominees
David Baker
Alan Johnson
Bruce Lewis

Summary: The Commission on Ethics (COE) requested the COE Ordinance Drafting Committee meet to consider the above referenced amendment at its meeting on March 5, 2015. The law currently provides that legally sufficient complaints proceed to a Probable Cause Hearing held by the COE. If the COE finds probable cause, the matter goes to full hearing which can be heard either by the full COE, or by three COE members selected by the Chair. The proposed amendment would allow the accused to opt to have a Hearing Officer preside over the final hearing. As proposed by the COE, hearing officers would be selected from a pool created by the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Countywide (LB)

Background and Justification: Section 8.4(d) of the County Charter allows the County Commission, the League of Cities, the COE, the COE Executive Director, or the Inspector General to recommend changes to the Commission on Ethics Ordinance. All proposed amendments must first be reviewed by a COE Ordinance Drafting Committee which consists of two League of Cities appointees and its counsel, two Board of County Commissioners (BCC) appointees and its counsel, and the Executive Director of the COE. The COE Ordinance Drafting Committee in turn will provide its recommendation before the ordinance amendment is considered by the BCC.

Attachment: None

Recommended by:  3/30/15
Assistant County Administrator Date

Legal Sufficiency:  3/31/15
Assistant County Attorney Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director