

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 21, 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: At its April 2, 2015 meeting, the Commission on Ethics (COE) requested the COE Ordinance Drafting Committee meet to consider amendments to the Code of Ethics Ordinance to clarify: 1) the definition of vendor; and 2) gift reporting requirements. Countywide (LB)

Background and Justification: On April 7, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners selected two members to serve on the COE Drafting Committee to address a proposed amendment that would allow the accused to opt to have a Hearing Officer preside over the final hearing as opposed to the COE. In addition, at its April 2, 2015 meeting, the COE requested additional proposed changes to the Ordinance to clarify the meaning of vendor and gift reporting requirements. 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: [Signature] 4/9/15
Assistant County Administrator Date

Legal Sufficiency: [Signature] 4/13/15
Assistant County Attorney Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director