

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADD ON

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 20, 2016

☐ Consent ☒ Regular
☐ Workshop ☐ Public Hearing

Department: Planning, Zoning and Building

Submitted By: Building Division

Submitted For: Building Division

EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: Amend the 2017 Palm Beach County Legislative Agenda to address the organizations that can nominate local construction industry representatives to serve on the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County (BCAB).

Summary: The current language in Chapter 2001-323, Section 6, of the Laws of Florida requires that seven (7) industry representatives must be nominated by the Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach (CIMC). The CIMC was last active in 2014 and was dissolved administratively in 2016 by the Florida Division of Corporations. As a result, County staff is unable to secure nominations to fill vacant industry seats on BCAB. Because two (2) industry seats are currently vacant, industry representation on BCAB is lessened and it has become difficult to establish a quorum in order for BCAB to hear issues, or to offer technical advisories, evaluate products, or offer interpretations. The proposed changes to the law are intended allow the seven (7) industry representatives to be nominated by existing local chapters of national or regional construction industry trade associations. Countywide (SF)

Background and Justification: BCAB was established by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature originally in 1974, and most recently amended in 2001. BCAB is comprised of sixteen (16) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The members are comprised of seven (7) Building Officials, one (1) from each County Commission District, appointed from nominations submitted by the Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County. There are also seven (7) industry representatives representing the various construction trades appointed from nominations submitted by the Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach County. One (1) member is a Registered Architect appointed from a nomination submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. One (1) member is a professional engineer appointed from nominees submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society.

The Building Code Advisory Board was created to advise the Palm Beach County Commission and other local governments in Palm Beach County regarding the adoption and consistent application of building codes, and the adoption of administrative or technical amendments to the Florida Building Code. BCAB also exists to advise local governments how to improve and standardize construction code enforcement and advise local governments on evaluation of new and innovative materials, products, systems, or methods of construction for compliance with the Florida Building Code, and any changes to the Code.

Because the CIMC no longer exists, staff is asking for the Laws of Florida to be amended in order to allow the seven (7) industry representatives to be nominated by existing local chapters of national or regional construction industry trade organizations.

Attachment: 1. Summary Fact Sheet

Recommended by: *Pat* 12/16/16
Department Director Date

Approved By: *Mark H. ...* 12/16/16
Assistant County Administrator Date

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	=====	=====	=====	=====
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
Object _____ Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact with this agenda item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Brenda J Conner

I. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lisa Pambz 12/14/16
EB 12/16 OFMB ET 12/16

Judy [Signature] for Linda Jacobowitz
Contract Dev. and Control
12/19/16 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Anne Delgado 12-19-16
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

Summary Fact Sheet

Summary: The bill amends existing language in Chapter 2001-323, Section 6, of the Laws of Florida which determines what organization(s) will nominate local construction industry representatives to serve on the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County (BCAB). The current law requires that seven (7) industry representatives must be nominated by the Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach (CIMC). Unfortunately, the CIMC is no longer a viable industry organization, and County staff is unable to secure nominations to fill vacant industry seats on BCAB. Because two (2) industry seats are currently vacant, industry representation on BCAB is lessened and it has become difficult to establish a quorum in order for BCAB to hear issues, or to offer technical advisories, evaluate products, or offer interpretations. The proposed changes to the law are intended allow the seven (7) industry representatives to be nominated by existing local chapters of national or regional construction industry trade associations.

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