Agenda Item #: 3DD-1

## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018		[X] Consent		
Department: Commission on Ethics		[ ] r dono ricaring		
Submitted By:	Commission on Ethics			

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to: assign Code Enforcement Special Masters Thomas Dougherty, Christy Goddeau and Alcolya St. Juste to serve ex officio as Commission on Ethics Hearing Officers.

**Summary**: The Commission on Ethics Ordinance allows Hearing Officers to hear enforcement cases as an alternative to bringing cases before the entire Commission on Ethics. According to the Ordinance, these Hearing Officers are to be established by the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association and the F. Malcom Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association. The three organizations collectively selected these three individuals to serve as Ethics Hearing Officers, who are all Code Enforcement Special Masters. The BCC is authorized to assign Code Enforcement Special Masters to serve ex officio as Hearing Officers for other County purposes pursuant Section 2.G.3.G. of the Unified Land Development Code. This motion will allow these three individuals to hear enforcement cases concerning the Code of Ethics. In accordance with Section 2-260.1 of the Commission on Ethics Ordinance, Ethics Hearing Officers shall serve without compensation. Countywide (LB)

Background and Policy Issues: An amendment to the PBC Commission on Ethics Ordinance adopted by the BCC in 2015, allowed for the use of hearing officers for Final Hearings in place of the Commission on Ethics, to determine whether a Respondent had violated any provision of the Countywide Code of Ethics, Lobbyist Registration Ordinance, or County Post Employment Ordinance. These Special Masters are uniquely qualified to hear such matters based on their experience with local code enforcement matters. The Code of Ethics, Lobbyist Registration Ordinance and Post Employment Ordinance are County Codes, which were adopted in whole or in part by local municipalities.

## Attachments:

Recommended by	Mh 2. p)	3/6/2018
	Executive Director	Date
Approved by:	all Jalu	3 (12/18
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A.	Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:							
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