

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

Department
Submitted By: Community Services
Advisory Board: Community Action Advisory Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a new appointment of 1 (one) member to the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), effective March 14, 2023:

<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Seat Requirement</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
12	Diane Lewis	Representative of the Low-Income Sector	09/30/2025	Democratic Election in West Palm Beach

Summary: Per Resolution No. R-2018-0372, adopted April 10, 2018, amending Resolution R-2014-0588, the total membership for CAAB shall be no more than 15 at-large members, comprised of one-third elected public officials or their representatives, one-third private sector members recommended by the CAAB and one-third low-income representatives selected by a democratic process in the target neighborhoods served or recommended by an agency that serves low-income population. Members will fully participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program to serve low-income communities. Ms. Lewis meets all applicable guidelines and requirements outlined in the resolution. Ms. Lewis was elected during a democratic election held on December 6, 2022, in West Palm Beach. The diversity count for the 13 seats that are currently filled is African-American: 9 (69%); Caucasian: 3 (23%);and Hispanic-American: 1 (8%). The gender ratio (female: male) is 7:6. Ms. Diane Lewis is African-American. Staff conducts targeted outreach in an effort to proffer candidates for appointments that maintain a diverse composition of the board. (Community Action Program) County Wide (HH)

Background and Justification: The BCC first created a Community Action Council Advisory Board in 1974 to qualify Palm Beach County to receive CSBG funds. The CSBG agreement requires the establishment of a Community Action Advisory Board and the CAAB participates in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the CSBG program to serve low-income communities.

Attachments:

1. Board/Committee Applications
2. Inventory of Seats List
3. Resolution No. R-2018-0372

DocuSigned by: Taruna Malhotra 2/16/2023

Recommended By: _____ Department Director _____ Date

Legal Sufficiency: Delane C. Stuard 2-16-2023

Assistant County Attorney _____ Date

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please attach a biography or resumé to this form.

Section I (Department): (Please Print)

Board Name: Community Action Advisory Board Advisory Not Advisory

At Large Appointment or District Appointment /District #: _____

Term of Appointment: 2.6 Years. From: March 14, 2023 To: September 30, 2025

Seat Requirement: Low-Income Seat (West Palm Beach) Seat #: 12

*Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of _____ Due to: resignation other

Completion of term to expire on: _____

*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: _____

Section II (Applicant): (Please Print)

APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: _____
Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: Retired

Business Address: _____

City & State _____ Zip Code: _____

Residence Address: 750 Malibu Bay Drive

City & State West Palm Beach, Florida Zip Code: 33401

Home Phone: (561) 758-6636 Business Phone: () Ext. _____

Cell Phone: (561) 758-6636 Fax: ()

Email Address: Dlewiss1208@gmail.com

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes _____ No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: _____

Minority Identification Code: Male Female
 Native-American Hispanic-American Asian-American African-American Caucasian

Section II Continued:

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business. This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

<u>Contract/Transaction No.</u>	<u>Department/Division</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)</u>	<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	<u>General Maintenance</u>	<u>10/01/00-09/30/2100</u>

(Attach Additional Sheet(s), if necessary)
OR

NONE

NOT APPLICABLE/
(Governmental Entity)

ETHICS TRAINING: All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and read the State Guide to the Sunshine Amendment, Article XIII, and the training requirement can be found on the web at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>. Ethics training is on-going, and pursuant to PPM CW-P-79 is required before appointment, and upon reappointment.

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 on 12/7/ 2022
 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: Diane Lewis Printed Name: Diane Lewis Date: 12/07/2022

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) 355-1915.

Return this FORM to:
 {Insert Liaison Name Here}, {Insert Department/Division Here}
 {Insert Address Here}

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Revised 02/01/2016

Diane Lewis Phone: (561) 758-6636
Email:dlewiss1208@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE BIO

Diane Lewis entered the non-profit sector in 1995 leading strategic and operational projects at Palm Beach County School Board and New Beginnings Family Connection. She has strong technical and business qualifications with an impressive record of accomplishment of more than 20 years of firsthand experience in management, community development block grant (CDBG) programming, service coordination, navigation and referrals, quality assurance regulatory compliance, and system strategies.

Diane has managed several initiatives and projects in collaboration with both traditional and non-traditional partners such as Department of Children and Families, Governor's Office of Urban Opportunity, Workforce Florida, Enterprise Florida, the Florida Department of Community Affairs the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, CBO's, Afterschool Programming, Faith-based organizations, national sororities, banks, Palm Beach County School District, and neighborhood committees to support the families and communities of Palm Beach County.

Diane currently serves on the Palm Beach County United Way HungerRelief Committee whose mission is to ensure that everyone in Palm Beach County has access to the basics: a quality education, a place to live, financial stability, good medical care, and enough to eat. In addition, Diane serves in partnership with the American Heart Association, Palm Beach County on the Health, and Wellness Impact Committee.

Diane also partners with the Palm Beach County Community Action Services to provide families with assistance with rent, utilities, homelessness, medical transportation, buying a house and nutritional food.

Diane has completed her MA and Doctrine Degree through Jacksonville Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida.

Attachment 2

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD INVENTORY OF SEATS LIST

Seat	NAME	SECTOR	App. Date	Exp. Date
1	Raynold Sam	PUBLIC SECTOR	12/7/2021	09/30/2024
2	Kevin L. Jones	PUBLIC SECTOR	12/06/2016	09/30/2023
3	Guillermo Carrasco	PUBLIC SECTOR	12/7/2021	09/30/2024
4	Steve West	PUBLIC SECTOR	12/7/2021	09/30/2024
3	Mary R. Wilkerson	PUBLIC SECTOR	02/06/2018	09/30/2024
6	Sandra Wright	PRIVATE SECTOR	02/04/2020	09/30/2023
7	Linda Williams	PRIVATE SECTOR - Education	02/15/2022	09/30/2024
8	Alesia Keller	PRIVATE SECTOR - Finance	02/15/2022	09/30/2024
9	Carol Jones-Gilbert	PRIVATE SECTOR - Housing	02/15/2022	09/30/2024
10	Vacant	PRIVATE SECTOR - Health		
11	Xzavious Wiley	LOW-INCOME – Glades Tri-City	04/04/2022	09/30/2025
12	Diane Lewis*	LOW-INCOME – West Palm Beach		
13	Cynthia Ridley	LOW-INCOME – Delray Beach	10/01/2021	09/30/2024
14	Yves Saint-Hillien	LOW-INCOME – Lake Worth	02/15/2022	09/30/2024
15	Michaella Kay	LOW-INCOME – Riviera Beach	12/07/2021	09/30/2024

* Action pending

Revised: 01.10.23

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-0372

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING R-2014-0588, PROVIDING FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ATTENDANCE POLICY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners established the Community Action Council Advisory Board (Board) in 1974 to qualify Palm Beach County to receive Community Service Block Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board's membership was reconstituted pursuant to Ordinance No. 04-042, and on September 15, 2009, Ordinance No. 04-042 was replaced by Resolution 2009-1549, which established the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) and reduced CAAB's membership from 23 to 15; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014, Resolution 2009-1549 was repealed and replaced with Resolution 2014-0588, which clarified the process for nominating and selecting members to serve on the CAAB, and updated various standard provisions to comply with County advisory board policy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2014-0588 provides that the CAAB shall meet "a minimum of ten (10) times a year"; and

WHEREAS, other Counties within Florida have adopted a model of quarterly meetings for Community Action Program advisory boards such as CAAB, which has proven effective to allow greater focus on board members' responsibilities to participate in implementation of programs designed to serve the poor or low income citizens of the County, while still allowing an opportunity to make recommendations concerning program plans, priorities, and budgets.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. Section 12: Meetings, paragraph A., of R-2014-0588 is amended to read in its entirety: The Advisory Board shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per program year; however, members may be required to

attend additional meetings.

- a. The second sentence of Section 14: Removal for Lack of Attendance, of R-2014-0533 is amended to read:
Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend one-half of the meetings scheduled during a program year.

3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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

Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, Mayor -	Aye
Commissioner Mack Bernard, Vice Mayor-	Aye
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche -	Aye
Commissioner Paulette Burdick -	Aye
Commissioner Dave Kerner -	Aye
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams -	Aye
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger -	Aye

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of April, 2013.

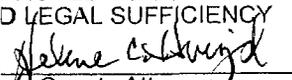
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: 

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 

County Attorney

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL. ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD; DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD AS THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. PROVIDING FOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requires that recipients of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds comply with the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 676B, (b)(1) of that Act requires that a public entity administer the program through a tripartite board composed of members representing the public, private, and low income sectors of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant provides funds for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County through the Department of Community Services wishes to comply with HHS requirements regarding the Community Action Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners was previously designated as the Community Action Council and the grantee for the CSBG program through ordinances 74-20 and 04-042, which have been repealed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinances 74-20 and 04-042, a Community Action Council Administering Board was established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1: DESIGNATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL AND CSBG GRANTEE

The Board of County Commissioners is hereby designated as the Community Action Council and the grantee of CSBG funding received by Palm Beach County.

SECTION 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD AND DESIGNATION AS THE CSBG ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the Community Action Advisory Board, herein referred to as the "Advisory Board." Said Advisory Board is also designated as the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Committee pursuant to the CSBG guidelines of the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION

A. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members, as follows:

- 1) One-third (1/3) of the members of the Advisory Board shall be elected public officials holding office on the date of selection, or their representatives. A letter reaffirming agreement to serve as an Advisory Board member or delegation to a representative, signed by the elected official, shall be required each year until the official's elective term ends.
- 2) Not fewer than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Advisory Board shall be persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that they are representatives of low income individuals and families in the target neighborhood served. Each representative of the low-income sector selected to represent a specific target neighborhood within the community must reside in the neighborhood served. The county will define what constitutes a target neighborhood.
- 3) The remainder of the members of the Advisory Board shall be persons who can bring pertinent and significant resources from the private sector to the Community Action mission of assisting low income persons to acquire greater control over their lives and to increase their degree of self-sufficiency.

SECTION 4: APPOINTMENTS, TERMS, VACANCIES AND COMPOSITIONS

- A. All members of the Advisory Board shall be residents of Palm Beach County, Florida at the time of appointment and while serving on the Advisory Board.
- B. Terms of office for the Advisory Board members shall be three (3) year terms. An individual may serve three (3) consecutive full terms. Terms shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30.
- C. Terms shall be staggered such that one-third (1/3) of the advisory board members shall be selected each year.
- D. Nominations shall be requested by County staff upon adoption of this resolution and generally every year thereafter in a manner that will provide for appointment or reappointment prior to the term expiration. The public sector members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, a democratic selection process will be held to fill seats from the low-income sector, the Advisory Board will recommend individuals to fill the seats for the private sector. All nominations shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- E. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term and in the manner prescribed above.
- F. All Advisory Board members serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.
- G. Members appointed pursuant to Section 3.A1 will no longer be eligible to serve on the advisory Board if they, or the elected official they represent, no longer hold elected public office.

SECTION 5: AUTHORITY

- A. The Advisory Board shall have the authority and power to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of the CSBG program to serve low-income communities.
- B. Members shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the Advisory Board, if rules and procedures are created, and to the overall authority of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.

SECTION 6: SUNSHINE LAW AND STATE CODE OF ETHICS

The Advisory Board must comply with the Sunshine Law and State Code of Ethics. Reasonable public notice of all board meetings shall be provided. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public at all times and minutes shall be taken at each meeting.

SECTION 7: PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS

Advisory Board members are to comply with the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as codified in Section 2-254 through 2-260 of the Palm Beach County Code.

SECTION 8: TRAVEL EXPENSES, REIMBURSEMENT AND APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Travel reimbursement is limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside Palm Beach County necessary to fulfill board member responsibilities when sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available as set forth in PPM CW-O-038. No other expenses are reimbursable except documented long distance phone calls to the liaison County department. Approval authority for pre-authorized board member travel is designated to the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator and shall be in accordance with PPM CW-F-009.

SECTION 9: ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE

County employees, other than Commissioners Aides, are not eligible to serve on the Advisory Board unless the County employee is an elected official within Palm Beach County and is nominated for inclusion on the board by an entity other than the Board of County Commissioners. Employees of other units of local government may not represent their respective governments on boards, unless otherwise provided by statute or other rule of law. Former Board of County Commissioners members may not be appointed to the Advisory Board for at least two (2) years following their last day in office as a County Commissioner.

SECTION 10: QUALIFICATION AS A CANDIDATE

Advisory Board members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for elected office.

SECTION 11: RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Community Action Advisory Board shall include the following:

- A. Conduct regular assessments of the circumstances of low income individuals and families and of the resources available and needed in the community to support movement by low income persons toward greater self-sufficiency;
- B. Create a forum for citizen participation that maximizes participation of those served so as to best stimulate and take full advantage of capabilities for self-advancement and assure that programs and projects are meaningful to and widely utilized by their intended beneficiaries;
- C. Participate fully in the development and implementation of programs and projects designed to serve the poor or low income citizens of the county;
- D. Review and recommend programs and projects for the use of the CSBG funds;
- E. Foster and promote cooperation between governmental agencies, community-based non-governmental non-profit organizations and business interests in order to achieve the goals and outcomes of community action plans;
- F. Submit an annual report to the board of county commissioners on activities undertaken and accomplishments made during the preceding year;
- G. Receive reasonable advance notice of, and an opportunity to make recommendations, concerning:
 - 1) Appointment of the program coordinator;
 - 2) Determination of overall program plans and priorities;
 - 3) Approval of program proposals and budgets;
 - 4) Enforcement of compliance with all conditions of federal and state grants;
 - 5) Corrective measures to remove roadblocks affecting program implementation;
 - 6) Determination, subject to federal, state, and local regulations and policies, of rules of procedure for the advisory board;
 - 7) Any changes to this Resolution. In the event that the Advisory Board determines a public meeting is necessary to address any changes to this Resolution, said public meeting will be arranged prior to submission of any such change to the board of county commissioners.
- H. To perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 12: MEETINGS

- A. The Advisory Board shall meet a minimum of ten (10) times a year; however, members may be required to attend additional meetings.
- B. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the Advisory Board's business.
- C. In the presence of a quorum, Advisory Board business shall be conducted by a vote of a majority present and be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- D. The Chair shall have the authority to call emergency meetings, as is needed and appropriate, by informing members at least three days in advance.
- E. Public notice of all Advisory Board meetings shall be provided consistent with the requirements of the Florida Department of Community Affairs and Florida laws, and all such meetings shall be open to the public at all times.

SECTION 13: OFFICERS

A chair, vice-chair, and secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the administering board and shall serve for a term of one (1) year, but not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms in any one (1) office.

A. Duties of the Chair:

- 1) Call and set the agenda for Advisory Board meetings;
- 2) Preside at Advisory Board meetings;
- 3) Establish committees, appoint committee chairs and charge committees with specific tasks;
- 4) Serve as primary liaison with program staff; and
- 5) Perform other functions as the Advisory Board may assign by rule or order.

- B. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence, and such other duties as the Chair may assign.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for Board record-keeping and documentation.

Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Advisory Board.

SECTION 14: REMOVAL FOR LACK OF ATTENDANCE

Members of the Advisory Board shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a program year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue to serve until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

SECTION 15: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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

Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Paulette Burdick, Vice Mayor	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Shelley Vana	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger	<u> Aye </u>
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	<u> Aye </u>

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: 
Tammy K. Fields
Sr. Assistant County Attorney

BY: 
Deputy Clerk

