

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 14, 2023  
**Department:** Cooperative Extension Service  
**Submitted by:** Cooperative Extension Service  
**Advisory Board Name:** Agricultural Enhancement Council

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** (A) appointment; and (B) reappointment of the following individuals to the Agricultural Enhancement Council for the term of March 14, 2023 to March 13, 2026.

**(A) Appointment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category, Seat Number</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Richard Sanchez	Sugarcane Industry, Seat 3	03/13/26
Brandon Balch	Plant Nursery Industry, Seat 5	03/13/26

**(B) Reappointment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category, Seat Number</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Rick Roth	Ag Producer Outside the Ag Reserve, Seat 2	03/13/26
Krista Erickson	Erickson Farm, Inc., Financial, Seat 4	03/13/26
Stephen Basore	Agricultural Value-Added Industry, Seat 6	03/13/26
John Taylor	Agricultural Support Industry, Seat 7	03/13/26
William Eric Hopkins	EAA Vegetable Grower, Seat 8	03/13/26
Richard Faver	Equine Industry, Seat 9	03/13/26

**Summary:** Based on Resolution No. R2014-0303, nine (9) members are nominated by either specific agricultural enterprises or by the Palm Beach County Extension Department to represent a cross section of agricultural related entities on the Agricultural Enhancement Council (AEC). Eight (8) nominations are being submitted at this time for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. There will be one vacancy on the AEC if all 8 members are approved. If approved, the diversity count will be Caucasian: 7 (87.5%), Hispanic: 1 (12.5%). The gender ratio (male:female) is 7:1. New member appointments include Richard Sanchez (Hispanic male) and Brandon Balch (Caucasian male). Staff is actively seeking to increase diversity on this board. Countywide (AH)

**Background and Justification:** The Agricultural Economic Development Program requires direct input from the agricultural industry. Resolution No. R2014-0303 provided an opportunity for the industry to nominate representatives to serve on the AEC. These individuals are nominated to meet specific criteria necessary to implement the Agricultural Economic Development Program, which was approved December 6, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners (Resolution 94-1760). Staff is requesting appointment and reappointment of eight (8) members. The Council consists of nine (9) members, 8 seats are currently up for appointment/reappointment. One vacancy on the AEC will remain.

- Attachments:
1. Board Appointment Information Forms
  2. Resolution No. R2014-0303
  3. List of Nominees

**Recommended By:** Ernaed h. Pua 03/07/2023  
**Department Director** **Date**

**Legal Sufficiency:** Anne Helgard 3/7/23  
**Assistant County Attorney** **Date**