

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: **June 13, 2023**

Department: **Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County**

Submitted by: **Legal Department**

Advisory Board Name: **Environmental Appeals Board**

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the **Appointment** of one (1) member to the Environmental Appeals Board to complete the term of Wayne Blythe 8-17-21 to 8-16-2024.

<u>NOMINEE:</u>	<u>SEAT #:</u>	<u>REQUIREMENT:</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>
Gregory Vazquez	2	Water Resource Professional employed by SFWMD	SFWMD

Summary: The Board is composed of five (5) members. Membership must consist of one (1) lawyer recommended by the Palm Beach County Bar Association; one (1) member of the Gold Coast Builders Association (formerly known as Home Builders and Contractors Association); one (1) professional engineer recommended by the Palm Beach Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); one (1) water resource professional employed by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); and one (1) drinking water engineer employed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Board currently consists of 3 members. The current diversity count is: Caucasian: 2; African-American: 1; and Hispanic: 1. The current gender ratio (female: male) is 1:3. Countywide (HH).

The applicant for appointment is for Seat # 2, Gregory Vazquez is a water resource professional recommended by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). With this approval, the Board will consist of four members: diversity: one African-American (20%), one Caucasian (20%), two Hispanics (40%) and one vacant seat (20%) awaiting recommendation from DEP. The gender ratio (female: male) is 1:3.

Background and Justification: Environmental Control Rules I and II provide for the organization of the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB). These rules state that composition and representative members of the EAB shall consist of an attorney, an engineer, a water resource professional, a drinking water engineer, and a professional recommended by the Home Builders and Contractors Association. The Home Builders & Contractors Association has merged with another association and is now known as the Gold Coast Builders Association.

Attachments:

1. Memo including EAB Member List
2. Board/Committee Application – Gregory Vazquez
3. Resume - Gregory Vazquez
4. Recommendation Letter from the SFWMD
5. Article 2, Unified Land Development Code

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Recommended by: Dr. Jyothi Gunta, Department Director 5/31/23
Date

Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County Attorney 6/2/23
Date



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD**

I. AUTHORITY :

Environmental Control Rule I, Section 20; and Environmental Control Rule-II, Section 17. Unified Land Development Code, Section 4.10; amended by the Unified Land Development Code, Article 17, Section 5, adopted on December 4, 2003.

II. APPOINTING BODY :

Board of County Commissioners

III. COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS & REMOVAL :

This Board shall be composed of five (5) members: one (1) professional engineer registered by the State of Florida and nominated by the Palm Beach Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers; one (1) water resource professional employed by SFWMD; one (1) drinking water engineer employed by the FDEP; one (1) member of the Palm Beach County Gold Coast Builders Association; and one (1) attorney nominated by the PBC Bar Association. All members shall serve for a term of three (3) years. Members shall serve without compensation. Travel reimbursements are limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside PBC necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of membership on the Board.

EXTENDED COMPOSITION :

IV. MEETINGS :

Every sixty (60) days at 9:00 a.m., 800 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL.

V. FUNCTIONS :

To hear appeals from certain requirements, interpretations or determinations of Article 15, Health Regulations, made by the PBCHD or the Environmental Control Officer.

VI. LIAISON INFORMATION :

<u>LIAISON DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Florida Dept. of Health - Palm Beach C	Liliana Rietwyk	
		Phone # --

* indicates a member having an action pending



ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

SEAT ID	CURRENT MEMBER	ROLE TYPE	RACE CODE	GENDER	BUSINESS / HOME PHONE	SEAT REQUIREMENT	APPOINT DATE	REAPPOINT DATE	EXPIRE DATE
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Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

1	Trevor Richard Rosecrans trevor@rcsengineers.com 703 SW 4th Ave Boynton Beach FL 33426	Member	CA	M	561-654-3863	Professional Engineer	06/05/2018	07/13/2021	07/12/2024
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NOMINATED BY :American Society of Civil Engineers/PBC Branch

2	Wayne Blythe wblythe@sfwmd.gov South Florida Water Mgmt District 3301 Gun Club Rd West Palm Beach FL 33406	Member	CA	M	--	Water Resources Professional	08/17/2021		08/16/2024
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NOMINATED BY :South Florida Water Management District

3	* Renzo Mosca renzo@hsqgroup.net HSQ Group, Inc. 1001 Yamato Rd Ste 105 Boca Raton FL 33431	Member	HA	M	--	Gold Coast Builders Association Member	01/08/2020		01/07/2023
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NOMINATED BY :Florida Atlantic Building Association (f/k/a Gold Coast Builders

4	Vacant	Member				Drinking Water Engineer			
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NOMINATED BY :Florida Department of Environmental Protection

* indicates a member having an action pending

Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

5	Telsula Morgan	Member	AA	F	--	Attorney	06/05/2018	07/13/2021	07/12/2024
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tmorgan@llw-law.com
Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.
515 N Flagler Dr Ste 1500
West Palm Beach FL 33401

NOMINATED BY :Palm Beach County Bar Association

* indicates a member having an action pending

**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 résumé to this form.**

Section I (Department): (Please Print)

Board Name: Environmental Appeal Board Advisory Not Advisory

At Large Appointment or District Appointment / District #: _____

Term of Appointment: 8 14 months Years: From: 4-13-23 To: 8-16-24

Seat Requirement: Water Resource Professional employed by SFWMD Seat #: 2

*Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of Wayne Blythe Due to: resignation other

Completion of term to expire on: 8-16-24

*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: Vazquez Gregory William
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Senior Environmental Analyst / South Florida Water Management District

Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: South Florida Water Management District

Business Address: 3301 Gun Club Road

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33406

Residence Address: 1902 19th Way

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33407

Home Phone: () n/a Business Phone: (561) 682-6053 Ext. n/a

Cell Phone: (813) 857-3266 Fax: () n/a

Email Address: gvazquez@sfwmd.gov

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

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

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE/ (Governmental Entity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


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 May 25, 2023
 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:  Printed Name: Gregory Vazquez Date: May 25, 2023

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:
Liliana Rietwyk, Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County
800 Clematis Street, Rm 549, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gregory W. Vazquez, PWS

1902 19th Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 | (813) 857-3266 | gvazquez0@gmail.com

PROFILE

- Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Wetland Evaluator.
- Expert in compliance management of projects occurring in wetlands and other surface waters.
- Expert in wetland preservation, restoration, and creation associated with wetland mitigation projects.

SKILLS

- Wetland delineation utilizing Florida’s wetland delineation methodology found in Chapter 62-340, FAC.
- Evaluation of wetland habitats utilizing Florida’s Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) found in Chapter 62-345, FAC.
- Evaluation of habitat management plans and wetland mitigation project monitoring reports.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Environmental Analyst

2017 - Present
West Palm Beach, FL

*South Florida Water Management District
Environmental Resource Bureau
Compliance and Enforcement Section*

- Reviews, edits, and approves draft compliance and enforcement related documents from staff members prior to mailing.
- Assigns new projects to staff based on their area of responsibility.
- Trains new employees on the duties and responsibilities of compliance inspectors within the Environmental Resource Bureau.
- Serves as a Florida Department of Environmental Protection certified regional wetland delineation trainer who trains staff how to delineate wetlands by utilizing Florida’s delineation methodology found in Ch. 62-340, FAC.
- Mentors less experienced staff members and assists with staff development to ensure staff can solve issues they come across.
- Conducts compliance inspections on projects with Environmental Resource Permits (“ERP”) and responds to public inquiries alleging unpermitted or noncompliant activities.
- Utilizes approved construction plan drawings to verify permitted projects are constructed in accordance with the ERP’s conditions.
- Investigates violations of Florida Statue and Florida Administrative Code relating to wetland dredge & fill.
- Delineates the landward extent of surface waters and wetlands utilizing the methodology found in Ch. 62-340, Florida Administrative Code.
- Reviews wetland and seagrass monitoring reports and conducts onsite assessments of wetland and seagrass mitigation projects associated with ERPs.
- Drafts Notices of Compliance, Notices of Noncompliance, Notices of Violations, Consent Orders, and other related correspondence.
- Creates maps and exhibits utilizing GPS and GIS technology to document wetland violations and to create restoration plans.

Environmental Specialist 2

2014 - 2017
West Palm Beach, FL

*Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Resource Management
Southeast District*

- Served as the Subject Matter Expert in Environmental Resource Permitting in the Southeast District’s Compliance Assurance Program.
- Oversaw a team of environmental specialists who managed compliance of ERPs.

- Assigned and prioritized new projects, complaints, and other compliance related assignments to staff within their area of responsibility.
- Verified and ensured compliance inspectors assigned to my team met or exceeded the minimum level of service required by the program.
- Reviewed and edited compliance and enforcement related documents from staff members prior to submittal to senior level management.
- Trained new employees how to conduct field investigations and inspections as well as how to complete administrative reports.
- Served as a Florida Department of Environmental Protection certified regional wetland delineation trainer who taught staff how to delineate wetlands by utilizing Florida's delineation methodology found in Ch. 62-340, FAC.
- Conducted compliance inspections on sites with ERPs and responded to complaints alleging unpermitted activities.
- Investigated violations of Florida Statute and Florida Administrative Code relating to environmental protection.
- Delineated the landward extent of surface waters and wetlands utilizing the methodology found in Ch. 62-340, Florida Administrative Code.
- Made verbal/written recommendations to entities found to be in non-compliance with state statutes, administrative codes, and permit conditions regarding how to return their projects to being compliant.
- Reviewed monitoring reports and conducted onsite assessments of wetland mitigation projects associated with ERPs.
- Drafted consent orders and other related correspondence to resolve enforcement cases.

Park Ranger

2013 - 2014
Hobe Sound, FL

*Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks
Florida Park Service / Jonathan Dickinson State Park*

Maintenance Repairman

2008 - 2012
Lithia, FL

*Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks
Florida Park Service / Alafia River State Park*

Protection:

- Patrolled park in 4x4 vehicles and by foot to watch for violations of park rules, administrative code, and Florida statutes.
- Secured park buildings and entrance gates while not in use or park closure.

Resource management:

- Maintain a working knowledge of Florida's flora and fauna.
- Identified and controlled exotic/invasive plants and animals.
- Utilized GPS technology to mark and locate areas of concern.

Visitor Services:

- Collected user fees and registered campers.
- Answered general questions about park resources, programs, and regulations.
- Performed interpretive programs on park resources, programs, and regulations.

Maintenance:

- Maintained and cleaned buildings and facilities.
- Maintained park grounds in an orderly manner.
- Diagnosed and repaired electrical and plumbing problems.
- Constructed small buildings and fences.

Administration:

- Utilized Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Publisher to complete necessary reports.
- Assigned duties to park volunteers and community service workers, and verified volunteers and community service workers had the tools and equipment necessary to complete their assigned tasks.
- Verified park volunteers and community service workers completed assigned duties and received credit for completing their assignments.

EDUCATION

University of South Florida
Bachelor of Science Environmental Science & Policy

Tampa, FL
2008 - 2012

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Wetland Scientist (No. 3241)

Society of Wetland Scientist Professional Certification Program
June 16, 2020

Certified Wetland Evaluator

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
April 28, 2023



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

May 23, 2023

Barbara L. Sullivan
Florida Department of Health, Palm Beach County
PO Box 29
800 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

I will be retiring from the South Florida Water Management District on June 2, 2023 and will therefore need to resign from my position on the Environmental Control Board.

The District has selected Gregory Vazquez to represent the South Florida Water Management District on the Palm Beach County Health Department Environmental Appeals Board.

Mr. Vazquez is currently a senior environmental scientist in the Environmental Resources Division, is well qualified for this appointment. He has 12 years of environmental experience and has a BS degree in Environmental Science and Policy. His resume is attached. Please coordinate directly with Mr. Vazquez. His contact information is:

Gregory Vazquez, PWS
South Florida Water Management District
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
561-682-6053
gvazquez@sfwmd.gov

Thank you for providing this opportunity. If you have further questions, please contact me at 561-682-6596 or wblythe@sfwmd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne P. Blythe".

Wayne P. Blythe, PWS
Section Administrator, Environmental Regulation

Cc: Jesse Markle, PE, Bureau Chief
Environmental Regulation Division

7. Conflicts of Interest

A Special Master shall not be considered outside or special counsel and shall not be subject to PPM #CW-O-52 relating to outside counsel conflicts of interest.

8. Meetings

a. Scheduling

The Code Enforcement Division shall be responsible for scheduling meetings of a Special Master. In the case of an alleged violation as set forth in Art. 10.B.1, Procedure, a hearing may be called as soon as practical.

b. Operating Procedures

All cases brought before a Special Master shall be presented by either the Code Enforcement Division or an attorney representing the Division.

C. Development Review Appeals Board

1. Establishment

There is hereby established a Development Review Appeals Board (DRAB).

2. Powers and Duties

The DRAB shall have the following powers and duties under the provisions of this Code:

- a. to hear, consider, and decide appeals, decisions of the Zoning Director on applications for Certificates of Concurrency Reservation and Concurrency Exemption Extension; and
- b. to hear and decide appeals from, decisions of, and conditions imposed by the DRO with regard to action taken on an application for a final Development Permit.

3. Board Membership

The DRAB shall consist of the Executive Director of PZB, County Engineer, and County Attorney or Deputy County Attorney.

4. Officers and Staff

a. Chair and Vice-Chair

The Executive Director of PZB shall be the Chair of the DRAB.

b. Staff

PZB staff shall be the professional staff for the DRAB.

5. Meetings

a. General

General meetings of the DRAB shall be held as needed to dispose of matters properly before the DRAB. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or in writing by two members of the DRAB. Staff shall provide 24-hour written notice to all DRAB members.

D. Environmental Appeals Board

1. Establishment

There is hereby established an Environmental Appeals Board (EAB).

2. Powers and Duties

The EAB has the following powers and duties:

- a. to hear appeals from certain requirements, interpretations, or determinations of Art. 15, Health Regulations, made by the PBCHD or the Environmental Control Officer.

3. Board Membership

a. Qualifications

The EAB shall be composed of five members appointed by the Environmental Control Board (ECB). The membership of the EAB shall consist of one professional engineer registered by the State of Florida and nominated by the Palm Beach branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, one water resource professional employed by SFWMD, one drinking water engineer employed by the FDEP, one member of the Gold Coast Builders Association, and one attorney nominated by the PBC Bar Association. [Ord. 2011-016]

b. Terms of Office

All EAB members shall serve a term of three years. Beginning on or after March 2, 2013, no person shall be appointed or reappointed to this Board for more than three consecutive terms. [Ord. 2014-001]

4. Officers

a. Secretary

PBC Environmental Control Officer shall provide a staff person to the EAB and that staff member shall be designated as Secretary of the EAB.

b. Staff

The PBCHD shall be the professional staff of the EAB.