

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Department: Planning, Zoning & Building
Submitted By: Contractors Certification Division
At Large Board Name: Construction Industry Licensing Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to approve: the appointment of two (2) new members to the Construction Industry Licensing Board (Board).

Appointment	Seat #	Requirement	Term	Recommended by
Allen Gast	5	General Contractor	10/17/2023- 09/30/2026	Commissioner Barnett Commissioner Marino
Jeffrey Remas	7	Building Official	10/17/2023- 09/30/2026	Commissioner Barnett Commissioner Marino

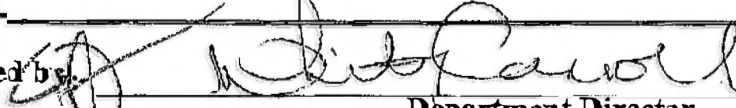

Summary: The Board establishes the qualifications and competency of contractors that work within the County. The Board also provides for the testing and licensing of these contractors and is empowered to discipline licenses and hear citation appeals. The Board was established by Special Act, Laws of Florida, Chapter 67 1876, as amended. The Special Act and, subsequently, Section 489.131, Florida Statutes (F.S.) sets forth the membership of the Board, which consists of 15 members. This Board shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members as follows: two (2) general contractors, one (1) building contractor, one (1) residential contractor; one (1) electrical contractor; one (1) plumbing contractor; one (1) HARV contractor; one (1) roofing contractor; one (1) swimming pool contractor; one (1) architect; one (1) engineer and one (1) full-time building official employed by a local government within Palm Beach County, who meets the requirements of the Building Officials Association of FL; and three (3) consumer representatives. The Board establishes the qualifications and competency of contractors that work within the County. The Board also provides for the testing and licensing of these contractors and is empowered to discipline licenses and hear citation appeals.

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Background and Justification: The membership of the Board consists of two general contractors, and one member of the following categories: building, residential, electrical, plumbing, HARV (Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Ventilation), roofing, swimming pool, architect, engineer, and building official. In addition, Section 489.131, F.S. requires that we have three Consumer Representatives. The Board establishes the qualifications and competency of contractors that work within the County. The Board also provides for the testing and licensing of these contractors and is empowered to discipline licensees.

Attachments:

1. Boards/Committees Applications
2. Resumes for Allen Gast and Jeffrey Remas
3. Nomination Letter from the Associated General Contractors of America, Florida East Coast Chapter (AGC) for Mr. Gast
4. Memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners, August 25, 2023
5. Special Act (excerpt regarding membership composition)
6. Current Membership List

Recommended by		9/20/2023
	Department Director	Date
Legal Sufficiency		9/25/23
	Assistant County Attorney	Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

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A memorandum was sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on August 25, 2023, requesting support for 2 new board members, no other nominations were received. As required by Section 2-443 of the Code of Ethics, this Agenda Item Summary will serve as disclosure for Allen Gast. Allen Gast is the owner of Gast Construction Group, Inc., which contracts with Palm Beach County to provide construction services for the County through sealed bids. The Board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding contracts with the county. The Board currently has 12 seats filled. Four (4) of the current members will be terming out by the end of September, bringing the membership down to 8 members. The agenda herein requesting approval to fill 2 new members will bring the membership up to 10 members. With the approval of the 2 new members the diversity count will be eight (8) Caucasians (80%); and two (2) Hispanic Americans (20%). The gender ratio for the Board (female: male) will be 2:8. Staff continues to encourage diversity within the Board. Countywide (SF)

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Seat Requirement: General Contractor Seat #: 5

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Section II (Applicant): (Please Print)

APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT

Name: Gast Allen R
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: General Contractor

Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: Gast Construction Group, Inc.

Business Address: 333 Southern Blvd, Unit 102

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33405

Residence Address: 1390 Rosetta Trail

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33411

Home Phone: (561) 818-5861 Business Phone: () 561-281 1001 Ext. _____

Cell Phone: (561) 818-5861 Fax: () NA

Email Address: allen@gastconstructiongroup.com

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes No

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PBC Parks Lighting Phase 2	Parks & Rec	SBE Subcontractor to Musco Lighting	11/29/2021-03/18/2023
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AND

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*Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Allen Gast Date: 8/21/21

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Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

Commissioner's Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/30/23

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Owner Employee Officer

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DN: cn=Jeff Remas, o=Palm Beach County, ou=Department of Public Works, email=jeffremas@pbc.com Printed Name: Jeff Remas Date: 8/20/23

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**ALLEN GAST – BRIEF BIO**

Allen Gast is the Founder and President of Gast Construction Group, a full-service commercial and residential construction firm located in West Palm Beach, FL since 2011. He holds a B.S. in Building Construction from the University of Florida and is a Certified General Contractor in the State of Florida.

He is a Graduate of the Leadership Palm Beach County Class of 2020 and serves the community as a Past-President / current Government Affairs Chair and Board Member of the Associated General Contractors of America—Florida East Coast, Member of the Board of Governors for the Associated General Contractors of America, Member of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, a Commissioner for the West Palm Beach Housing Authority, a Trustee of BizPAC, Board Member for the AIA Palm Beach Foundation for Architecture, Board Member and Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, Board Member of the YMCA of the Palm Beaches, and a Board Member for Clinics Can Help.

His firm was awarded the 2021 Builder of the Year Award from the American Institute of Architects – Palm Beach, multiple Build Florida Awards from the AGC-FEC, and is a three-time University of Florida Gator100 Award winner identifying the fastest growing Gator-owned businesses in the world. He and his wife Jodi reside in West Palm Beach with their two sons.

Jeff Remas

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Jeff@JeffRemas.com

EXPERIENCE:

2020-Present

Town of Highland Beach, Florida

Building Code Official - Plans Examiner – Inspector – Floodplain Manager

- Conduct residential and commercial building inspections, plan reviews, and code enforcement activities.
- Oversee the Building, Planning & Zoning, and Code Compliance Departments.
- Manage a \$2.2M annual budget along with personnel and government contracts.
- Perform all administrative functions under the Florida Building Code.

2019–2020

CAP Government, Palm Beach County, FL

Inspector, Plans Examiner

- Performed inspections and plan reviews for residential and commercial buildings.
- Provided support to multiple municipalities and the PBC School District.
- Provide Building Code Administrator duties as necessary.

2001–2018

REMAS Inspections, Inc. / dba Advanced Code Group, Pittston, PA

President, Chief Inspector & Building Code Administrator

- Managed and oversaw residential and commercial building code administration, inspections, and plan reviews.
- Collaborated with municipalities on building department budgeting and coordinated requirements between building, zoning, and planning departments.
- I worked directly with FEMA for floodplain management, including post-disaster after a 500-year flood event.
- Served as an expert witness in cases involving contractors, property owners, and inspectors.
- Provided HUD/FHA consultation for residential and commercial renovation projects.
- Performed electrical and construction consulting services.

2013–2019

LiveWire Electric, Fort Lauderdale, FL (part-time/as needed, except 2018-2019 full-time while waiting for DBPR)

Electrician, Consultant

- Planned and executed electrical projects for residential, commercial, and industrial properties.
- Provided electrical code consulting services.

2001-2001

CTDI, King of Prussia, PA

Electrician, Low Voltage Installation Supervisor

- Installed AC and DC power systems for Bell Telephone contract work within utility company facilities.
- Installed communication cables, coaxial cables, and fiber optic racking systems within utility company facilities.
- Performed power connects into emergency backup battery systems for critical infrastructure.

1992–2001

SLS, Inc., Hanover Twp., PA

Maintenance Supervisor, Industrial Electrician, Conveyor Mechanic, Construction Coordinator

- Installed and maintained industrial 480v/3ph motor control, power, and conveyor electrical systems.
- Managed construction and maintenance activities for mixed-occupancy industrial buildings.
- Coordinated contractors and in-house personnel for construction projects.
- Performed supervision and scheduling for 24 electricians, mechanics, carpenters, etc.
- Created an in-house training program for maintenance personnel.
- Created preventative maintenance programs for 6 miles of conveyors & all motor controls, 160 electric forklifts, two dump trucks, one front-end loader, four pickup trucks, a 1.1M sq.ft. building, and two 350,000 sq.ft. buildings.

1987-2001

Richard P. Kollar, General Contractor, Nanticoke, PA

General Contractor, Electrician, Supervisor

- Conducted commercial and residential electrical work, including single-phase and three-phase systems.
- Engaged in commercial and residential construction projects, including foundation, framing, roofing, and trim.
- Participated in the planning and development of townhouse projects.
- Assisted the city building inspector under the BOCA building code.

1983-1987

United States Marine Corps, Worldwide Service

Aircraft Avionics Technician, Collateral Duty Inspector, Aircrew & Qualified Helicopter Door Gunner

- Performed electrical and electronic maintenance on aircraft and implemented new systems.
- Served as an aircraft electrical inspector and ensured quality assurance for aircraft maintenance.
- Carried out collateral duty as an Avionics Aircraft Inspector.
- Qualified Aircrew and Door Gunner on UH-1N & CH-46 helicopters.

FORMAL EDUCATION:

1990-1995

Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, PA

- General Studies
- Electrical Construction, Motor Controls & Programmable Controllers
- EMS Certificate

1983-1984

United States Marine Corps

- One year of full-time, intensive electrical, electronic, and avionics school

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS:

- Building Code Administrator, Electrical Inspector & Plans Examiner, State of Florida DBPR
- Building Code Official, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of L&I
- Master Electrician license, Wilkes-Barre City, Pennsylvania
- 28 International Code Council (ICC) Building Code Certifications (see attached)



Member Name: Jeffrey Remas

Member ID: 5165656

CERTIFICATES

NAME	CERT #	VALID UNTIL
Plumbing Code Specialist	P8	03/16/2027
Mechanical Code Specialist	M8	03/16/2027
Electrical Code Specialist	E8	03/16/2027
Building Code Specialist	B8	03/16/2027
Certified Building Official	CB	03/16/2027
Combination Inspector	CB	03/16/2027
Building Inspector	B5	03/16/2027
Residential Combination Inspector	R5	03/16/2027
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Residential Mechanical Inspector	M1	03/16/2027
Combination Plans Examiner	C3	03/16/2027
Residential Plumbing Inspector	P1	03/16/2027
Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner	21	03/16/2027
Building Plans Examiner	B3	03/16/2027
Mechanical Plans Examiner	M3	03/16/2027
Plumbing Plans Examiner	P3	03/16/2027
Commercial Energy Plans Examiner	78	03/16/2027
Commercial Energy Inspector	77	03/16/2027
Commercial Building Inspector	B2	03/16/2027
Commercial Mechanical Inspector	M2	03/16/2027
Commercial Plumbing Inspector	P2	03/16/2027
Electrical Plans Examiner	E3	03/16/2027
Commercial Electrical Inspector	E2	03/16/2027
Residential Electrical Inspector	E1	03/16/2027
Residential Building Inspector	B1	03/16/2027



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July 5, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Oscar Alvarez, Director I
Contractors Certification Division
Planning, Zoning & Building Dept.
2300 North Jog Road, Suite 2W-61-01
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2741

RE: Palm Beach County CILB Appointment

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

The Associated General Contractors of America Inc.'s Florida East Coast Chapter hereby nominates Mr. Allen Gast, President of Gast Construction Group to serve on the Palm Beach County Construction Industry Licensing Board. Mr. Gast would replace Gerry Kelly our previous nomination who has now termed out after his years of service.

Mr. Gast is a Past President of the AGC Florida East Coast Chapter, a licensed General Contractor and meets the qualifications to be eligible to serve on this board as our nominee, which we hope the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will approve.

Please find attached Mr. Gast's Bio and completed appointment application and Code of Ethics Acknowledgement.

Would you please let me know when a date has been determined this recommendation by us and you will be advanced to the BOCC.

Thank you, and please let me know if I can be further help during this nomination process to help see it through completion.

Sincerely,

Michelle Anaya DePotter
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures: (3) Bio of Allen Gast, Appointment Application & Code of Ethics

C: Janeth Cervera-Fontech
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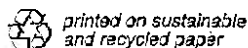
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To: Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor, and Members of the Board of
County Commissioners

From: Oscar Alvarez, Director
Contractors Certification Division

Date: August 25, 2023

Re: New Appointments to the Construction Industry
Licensing Board (CILB) of Palm Beach County

ITEM: The purpose of this memo is to request your support for the appointment of new board members to the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). The new nominees are as follows, Mr. Jeffrey A. Remas volunteered to replace Peter Ringle who resigned leaving the vacancy in 2022 as the Building Official, seat 7; Mr. Alan Gast has been nominated by the Associated General Contractors of America, Florida East Coast Chapter (AGC) to replace Mr. Gerry Kelly, seat 5 whose second term will expire on September 30, 2023 and is no longer eligible to serve. Both terms would begin on October 17, 2023, through September 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND: The primary function of the CILB is approval and discipline of certificate of competency construction trade licenses for Palm Beach County. The CILB consists of twelve specified construction trade members per Special Act, in addition to three consumer members who may be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), establishing 15 active members. The term of office of each member is three years, with one additional 3-year term subject to the BCC approval. The meetings are held once a month on the fourth Monday of each month except for November and holidays permitting. The qualification to be appointed to this board is to be actively engaged in the construction business in Palm Beach County; hold a certificate of competency under the nominee's name; be engaged for not less than five consecutive years immediately before the date of his appointment; and be a resident of Palm Beach County. The architect and engineer member shall be licensed in the State of Florida and be a resident of Palm Beach County. The consumer representative may be any resident of the local jurisdiction who is not and has never been, a member or practitioner of a profession regulated by the CILB or a member of any closely related profession.



The CILB has 12 seats currently filled, and a diversity count of nine (9) Caucasians (75%); and three (3) Hispanic-Americans (25%) showing the board's diversity at 25%. The gender ratio (female: male) is 3:9. Mr. Remas and Mr. Gast are both Caucasian males; the gender ratio would remain the same 9 males, participation to remain at 12 members out of 15.

DISPOSITION: The application, and resume for both Mr. Remas and Mr. Gast are attached for your review and signature. If you would like to nominate a different candidate, please provide us with the candidate(s) contact information, all nomination forms are due back by September 11, 2023, for the current seats or any open seats available.

The Contractors Certification Division encourages diversity in all CILB nominations; a diverse representation to the Board appointments is important in promoting various perspectives and approaches to policy development, strategic planning, and regulatory implementation for our citizens.

Address the returned forms to Contractors Certification Division, Attention: Janeth Cervera Fontecha, Administrative Assistant by either mail, fax (561) 233-5554, or email at jcerverafontecha@pbcgov.org. Staff will prepare an agenda item for approval at the October 17, 2023, BCC meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding these appointment(s) or nomination(s), please contact Janeth Cervera Fontecha at (561) 233-5540.

OA/jcf

Attachments:

- Boards/Committees Application
- Resumes for Mr. Remas & Mr. Gast
- Nomination for Mr. Alan Gast, (AGC)
- CILB Membership List for 2022-2023
- CILB Membership Status as of 12/13/22
- CILB Meeting Schedule for 2023
- Board Member Requirements per Special Act, Chapter 67-1876, as amended.

cc: Whitney Carroll, Interim Executive Director III, PZ&B
Patrick W. Rutter, Assistant County Administrator
Shannon Fox, CILB Assistant County Attorney
Gerry Kelly, CILB Chairman
File: CILB Appointments
Enclosures



Special Act, Chapter 67-1876, Laws of Florida as amended

Board Member Qualifications

Section 3. Construction Industry Licensing Board of Palm Beach County, organization, meetings, powers, duties. —

- (A.) The Construction Industry Licensing Board of Palm Beach County is hereby created and composed of the following: two general contractors, one contractor who is primarily engaged in the business of furnishing those services to which a building contractor is limited, one contractor who is primarily engaged in the business of furnishing those services to which a residential contractor is limited, one electrical contractor, one plumbing contractor, one HARV contractor, one roofing contractor, one swimming pool contractor, one architect, one engineer, and one full-time building official, employed by a local government within Palm Beach County who meets the requirements of the Building Officials Association of Florida. All members of the Board shall be appointed by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
- (B.) To be eligible for appointment each contractor member shall be:
- (1) Actively engaged in the construction business in Palm Beach County and have held a certificate of competency in his name and have been so engaged for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years immediately before the date of his appointment, and be a resident of Palm Beach County. The architect and engineer member shall be licensed in the State of Florida and be a resident of Palm Beach County.
 - (2) Each member of the Board except the Building Official shall hold a valid certificate issued by this Board or the state of Florida in addition to having the qualifications required in subsection (B) (1) above.
 - (3) In the event that any member of the Board no longer possesses the qualifications required in subsection (B) (1) and (B) (2) above, said member may be suspended or removed as a member of the Board upon a majority vote. If a member fails to attend three successive, regular scheduled meetings, he may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.
- (C.) All terms of office expire on September 30 of the last year of the term. As the terms of members expire, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy for a term of 3 years, but no member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms but may be reappointed after a three (3) year hiatus. Vacancies in the membership of the board for any cause shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners for the balance of the unexpired term.



Board Member Qualifications

Florida Statutes 489.131 Applicability:

(10) No municipal or county government may issue any certificate of competency or license for any contractor defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(c) after July 1, 1993, unless such local government exercises disciplinary control and oversight over such locally licensed contractors, including forwarding a recommended order in each action to the board as provided in subsection (7).

Each local board that licenses and disciplines contractors must have at least two consumer representatives on that board. If the board has seven or more members, at least three of those members must be consumer representatives. The consumer representative may be any resident of the local jurisdiction who is not and has never been, a member or practitioner of a profession regulated by the board or a member of any closely related profession.
(7/1/93)

Board of County Commissioners:

Urges all associations to join Palm Beach County in encouraging diversity in your Board nominations. Diverse representation in our Board appointments is key to promoting a wider variety of perspectives and approaches to policy development, strategic planning, and regulatory implementation for our citizens. (11/5/09)

<i>Industry Trade</i>	<i>Seat</i>	<i>Requirements</i>		
		<i>Must be a Resident of Palm Beach County</i>	<i>Actively engaged in construction for 5 consecutive years prior to seat assignment</i>	<i>Hold a State of Florida license or a CILB issued license.</i>
<i>General Contractor</i>	3,5	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Residential Contractor</i>	6	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Building Contractor</i>	11	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>HARV Contractor</i>	1	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Electrical Contractor</i>	2	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Plumbing Contractor</i>	8	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Roofing Contractor</i>	4	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Swimming Pool Contractor</i>	10	√	√	<i>State/CILB</i>
<i>Building Official</i>	7	√	√	<i>State</i>
<i>Engineer</i>	9	√	√	<i>State</i>
<i>Architect</i>	12	√	√	<i>State</i>
<i>Consumer Representative</i>	13,14,15	√	<i>Nothing Construction Related</i>	<i>Nothing Construction Related</i>



Construction Industry Licensing Board

of Palm Beach County

Special Act, Section 3 (A) -Members

10/1/2022-9/30/2023

Gerry Kelly, Chairman- Seat 5

Frank Keiser, Vice Chairman, Seat 6

Name:	James (Jim) L. Pickard	
Appointed:	BCC 11/02/2021	1st Term: 2021/2024-E
Trade:	<u>HARV Contractor</u>	Seat: 1
License #:	CAC-1817971	Year Licensed: 2014
		Gender/Diversity: M/C
Association:	Florida Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Contractors Association	
Business:	CMI Air Conditioning and Electrical 202 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL 33403	
Email:	<u>jim@cmiac.com</u>	B Phone#: (561) 844-1004
Replaced:	Mark Worrell	Term Expired: 09/30/2021 2 Terms

Name:	Damaris R. Guardado	
Appointed:	BCC 11/02/2021	2nd Term: .
Trade:	<u>Electrical Contractor</u>	1st Term: 2021/2024-E
License #:	EC-13007236	Seat: 2
		Year Licensed: 2015
		Gender/Diversity: F/H
Association:		
Business:	DRG Electric Inc 302 North L Street, Suite 4, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460	
Email:	<u>damaris@drgelectric.com</u>	B Phone#: (561) 856-2878
Replaced:	Raymond Murdock	Term Expired: 09/30/2021 2 Terms

Name:	Jerry E. Wilson	
Appointed:	BCC 11/15/2022	2nd Term: .
Trade:	<u>General Contractor</u>	1st Term: 2022/2025-E
License #:	CGC-1523128	Seat: 3
		Year Licensed: 2015
		Gender/Diversity: M/C
Association:		
Business:	Bespoke Design & Consulting 765 Hibiscus Ave, Juno Beach, FL 33408	
Email:	<u>jw@bespokei3.com</u>	B Phone#: (561) 512-6376
Replaced:	Randy Lebolo	Resigned: 06/22/2020 1 Term



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Name:	Ben B. Preston	2 nd Term:	2020/2023-NE
Appointed:	BCC 05/02/2017	1 st Term:	2017/2020-E
Trade:	<u>Roofing Contractor</u>	Seat:	4
License #:	CCC-1326390	Year Licensed:	2005
		Gender/Diversity:	M/C
Association:			
Business:	Preston Enterprises 3511 Boutwell Road, Bay 1, Lake Worth, FL 33461		
Email:	<u>rpreston@gate.net</u>	B Phone#:	(561) 964-7987
Replaced:	Mark Landis	Term Expired:	09/30/2016
			2 Terms

Name:	Gerald (Gerry) Kelly	2 nd Term:	2020/2023-NE
Appointed:	BCC 09/22/2015	1 st Term:	2017/2020-E
Trade:	<u>General Contractor</u>	Seat:	5
License #:	CGC-050879	Year Licensed:	1990
		Gender/Diversity:	M/C
Association:			
Business:	The Weitz Company LLC 1607 Packwood Road, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Email:	<u>gkelly@whartonsmith.com</u>	B Phone#:	(561) 686-5511
Replaced:	Michael Carter	Removed:	06/22/2015
			0 Terms

Name:	Frank M. Keiser II	2 nd Term:	2021/2024-NE
Appointed:	BCC 10/02/2018	1 st Term:	2018/2021-E
Trade:	<u>Residential Contractor</u>	Seat:	6
License #:	CBC-057164	Year Licensed:	1994
		Gender/Diversity:	M/C
Association:	Gold Coast Builders Association		
Business:	Puzzitiello Builders LLC 2143 Union St, West Palm Beach, FL 33411		
Email:	<u>frank@puzzitiello.com</u>	B Phone#:	(561) 795-0911
Replaced:	Steve M. Svopa	Resigned:	09/30/2018
			1 Term

Name:	Vacant	2 nd Term:	
Appointed:		1 st Term:	2023/2026-E
Trade:	<u>Building Official</u>	Seat:	7
Municipality:		Licensing Year:	
License #:		Gender/Diversity:	
Association:			
Business:			
Email:		B Phone#:	
Replaced:	Peter Ringle	Resigned:	05/26/2022
			2 Terms
Municipality:	City of Lake Worth Beach		



2022-2023 CILB Members

Name: **Richard L. Kaplan** 2nd Term:
 Appointed: BCC 04/06/2021 1st Term: 2021/2024-E
 Trade: Plumbing Contractor Seat: 8
 License #: **CFC-1427435** Year Licensed: 2007
 Gender/Diversity: M/C

Association:
 Business: Petrillo's Plumbing Services, Inc
 1855 Dr. Andres Way #3, Delray Beach, FL 33443
 Email: thesouthernplumber@gmail.com B Phone#: (561) 276-2220

Replaced: **Michael T. McNamara** Resigned: 06/24/2019 2 Terms

Name: **Mark J. Lodge** 2nd Term:
 Appointed: BCC 11/02/2021 1st Term: 2021/2024-E
 Trade: Engineer Seat: 9
 License #: **53006** Year Licensed: 1998
 Gender/Diversity: M/C

Association:
 Business: School District of Palm Beach County
 3661 Interstate Park Road N, Suite 200, Riviera Beach, FL 33404
 Email: Mark.lodge@palmbeachschools.org B Phone#: (561) 383-2079

Replaced: **Terry Horan** Term Expired: 09/30/2021 2 Terms

Name: **Haydee I. Ullfig** 2nd Term: 2020/2023-NE
 Appointed: BCC 03/28/2018 1st Term: 2017/2020-E
 Trade: Swimming Pool Contractor Seat: 10
 License #: **CPC-1456830** Year Licensed: 2004
 Gender/Diversity: F/H

Association: N/A
 Business: My Sol Pools, Inc
 4600 121st Terrance N, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
 Email: info@mvsolpools.com B Phone#: (561) 432-8132

Replaced: **Frank Juliano** Term Expired: 09/30/2017 2 Terms

Name: **James (Jim) Auld** 2nd Term:
 Appointed: BCC 11/15/2022 1st Term: 2022/2025-E
 Trade: Building Contractor Seat: 11
 License #: **CBC-047611** Year Licensed: 2004
 Gender/Diversity: M/C

Association:
 Business: OHLA Building Executive
 9675 NW 117th Ave, Suite 108, Miami, FL 33178
 Email: Jauld.builder@gmail.com B Phone#: (786) 418-3740

Replaced: **Edward Lynch** Term Expired: 09/30/2018 2 terms



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Name:	James (Jim) M. McKay	2 nd Term:	2020/2023-NE
Appointed:	BCC 03/22/2016	1 st Term:	2016/2019-E
Trade:	Architect	Seat:	12
License #:	AR-94593	Year Licensed:	2002
		Gender/Diversity:	M/C
Association:			
Business:	(Independent Consulting Practice) 152 Coventry Place, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418		
Email:	jmm4944@comcast.net	B Phone#:	(561) 803-7479
Replaced:	Vicki Soderlund	Resigned:	01/25/2016
			2 Terms

Consumer Representatives

Name:	A. Veronica Vidal	2 nd Term:	
Appointed:	BCC 04/06/2021	1 st Term:	2021/2024-E
Profession:		Seat:	13
		Gender/Diversity:	F/H
Association:	Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce		
Business:	Custom Cleaning and Management Service Inc 21 North Hepburn Aver, Jupiter, FL 33458		
Email:	vvidal@ccmspb.com	B Phone#:	(561) 742-2700
Replaced:	Dave Santana	Resigned:	08/28/2017
			1 Term

Name:	Vacant	Term:	2021/2024-E
Appointed:		Seat:	14
Profession:		Gender/Diversity:	
Association:			
Business:			
Email:		B Phone#:	
Replaced:	Cortena Williams	Resigned:	04/26/2021
			1 Term

Name:	Vacant	Term:	2021/2024-E
Appointed:		Seat:	14
Profession:		Gender/Diversity:	
Association:			
Business:			
Email:		B Phone#:	
Replaced:	Sam Roman	Resigned:	9/28/2020
			1 Term

Shannon Fox, Esq.	CILB-Assistant County Attorney	(561) 355-2225
Ryan Maher, Esq.	Division- Assistant County Attorney	(561) 355-2225
Oscar Alvarez	Division Director, Contractors Certification	(561) 233-5525



2022-2023 CILB Members

The Board has 12 out of 15 seats currently filled and a diversity count of Caucasian: 9 (73%), and Hispanic-American: 3 (27%) making the Board 27% diverse. The gender ratio (female: male) is 3:9.

Key References:

Eligibility

E-----Eligible for re-election

NE-----Not Eligible for additional terms

Members are allowed to serve two terms. Each term is for 3 years of service.

Diversity

A- African American

C- Caucasian

H- Hispanic American

N- Native American

Gender: M- Male / F- Female

Phone

B-----Business Phone