

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** December 5, 2023  
**Department:** Housing and Economic Development  
**Advisory Board:** Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: the following appointments/reappointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, for a two year term (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025):

**Appoint:**

Pegy Boule-Washington

Chrislie Paul (Alternate)

Tim Tack

Bonnie Nicklien (Alternate)

Shawn Rowan

Kristen Liberman (Alternate)

**Reappoint:**

Sherry Howard

Alan Chin Lee (Alternate)

Peter Pignataro

Julia Dattolo (Alternate)

**Nominated By:**

Commissioner Weiss  
Commissioner Woodward

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Commissioner Marino  
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**Nominated By:**

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**Attachments:**

- 1 Letter from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council dated September 18, 2023
- 2 Boards/Committees Applications with Resumes
- 3 Current List of Palm Beach County CEDS Members/Attendance Record and Bylaws
- 4 PBC CEDS Committee Members Diversity Package

**Recommended by:**

*Jonathan Braun*  
Department Director

11/8/2023  
Date

**Legal Sufficiency:**

*Alan Li*  
Assistant County Attorney

11/15/23  
Date

## II. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

**Summary:** The TCRPC manages and maintains the CEDS Committee, which is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), whose purpose is to oversee and guide regional economic development planning. The Committee is comprised of five (5) appointees from each of the four (4) Counties of the Treasure Coast Region (Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River). Every two years, TCRPC requests the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as the appointing authority for Palm Beach County, to review its existing CEDS members, and appoint or reappoint members and alternates who can represent the main economic interests of the region. Staff conducts targeted outreach in an effort to proffer candidates that contribute to a diverse representation on the Committee. The diversity count of the five (5) representatives recommended for appointment/reappointment demonstrates a racial/ethnic breakdown as follows: Caucasian: 4 (80%); African-American: 1 (20%). The gender ratio (female:male) is 3:2. Staff is addressing the need to increase diversity within our boards and will continue to encourage this to expand this Board's diversity. Countywide (DL)

**Background and Justification:** The CEDS Committee develops strategies to address economic development issues, including the diversification of the region's economy and job expansion. Members share information, advise the TCRPC on areas of economic data development, and create a consensus plan of action that is used to update the CEDS Plan. In its September 18, 2023 letter, the TCRPC highlights that appointed members should be able to commit to attending Committee meetings, and bringing their expertise in promoting economic development within the community.

To this end, Staff are also recommending that membership include five (5) alternates, as encouraged by TCRPC and allowed by the CEDS Committee bylaws. Staff recommends that two (2) of the five (5) prior members be reappointed to the 2024-25 two-year calendar term, along with two (2) representatives returning as alternates and two (2) representatives switching from alternates to members, with the addition of four (4) new representatives, comprised of one (1) member and three (3) alternates.

In accordance with Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, applicants have disclosed any existing employer contracts. Staff have evaluated these contractual relationships and determined that the above Committee provides no regulation, oversight, management or policy-setting recommendations regarding any of the disclosed contractual relationships. County Staff appointments conform with BCC Resolution 2013-0193, being consistent with the purpose of the CEDS Committee per Article II of the CEDS Committee Amended Bylaws. Disclosure of these contractual relationships at a duly noticed public meeting is being provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-443, of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.

Approval of these recommendations will appoint/reappoint five (5) members and five (5) alternates to represent Palm Beach County on the TCRPC CEDS Committee.