

**PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024
 Department: Criminal Justice Commission
 Advisory Board: Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission

EXECUTIVE BRIEF

MOTION AND TITLE: Staff recommends motion to approve: appointment of one (1) new member to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for the period March 12, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

<u>Appoint Nominee</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>
Leontyne Brown	19	12/31/2026	Black Chamber of Comn of Palm Beach County

Summary: The mission of the CJC is to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal, and private agencies within the County. The CJC is comprised of 35 members: 18 public sector members representing local, state, and federal criminal justice and governmental agencies; and 17 private sector members representing the Economic Council, Clergy, the Black and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, youth (17-22 years), returning citizen, crime survivor, and a community member. The Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County position is nominated by the Black Chamber of Commerce, and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The CJC currently has 28 seats filled and a diversity count of Caucasian: 16 (57%), African-American: 10 (36%), and Hispanic: 2 (7%). The gender ratio (female: male) is 11:17. The nominee is a Black female. Staff is addressing the need to increase diversity within our Board and will continue to encourage this to expand this Board's diversity. Countywide (HH)

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION: The Board of County Commissioners adopted an Ordinance in August of 1988 establishing the CJC, as codified in the Palm Beach County (PBC) Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5. The mission of the CJC, per this Ordinance, is to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal, and private agencies within the County. Private sector membership per the PBC Code, shall be appointed for three-year terms, with said term commencing on January 1, or the Board approval date, for the first year of appointment, and expiring on December 31 of the third year. On November 21, 2023, the Board approved adding a member recommended by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County. Ms. Brown was nominated for this seat.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Board/Committee Application and Resume/Bio for the nominee named above
2. Nomination letter from the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County
3. PBC Code, Sections 2-216 – 2-221 (CJC)
4. CJC membership list

Recommended By:  2/16/24
 Assistant County Administrator Date

Legal Sufficiency:  2-16-24
 Assistant County Attorney Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director

Attachment 1

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
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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: Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Advisory Not Advisory

At-Large Appointment OR District Appointment / District #: _____

Term of Appointment: 3 Years From: 3/12/24 to 12/31/26

Seat Requirement: Black Chamber Seat #: 19

Reappointment * OR New Appointment OR ex-Officio 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 previously 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: Brown Leontyne D

Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Marketing and Advertising Consultant

Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: dba Leontyne Brown

Business Address: 2640 Lake Shore Drive Unit 510

City & State: Riviera Beach/FL Zip Code: 33404

Residence Address: 2640 Lake Shore Drive Unit 510

City & State: Riviera Beach/FL Zip Code: 33404

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Ext. _____

Cell Phone: 5618015679 Fax: _____

Email Address: leontyne@leontynesaidwhat.com

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, please state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case, and date:

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Minority Identification Code:

- Male Female
 Native-American Hispanic-American
 Asian-American African-American Caucasian

Section II (Applicant) 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.

	Contract/Transaction No.	Department/Division	Description of Services	Term
	<i>Ex. (R#XX-XX/PO XX)</i>	<i>Ex. Parks & Recreation</i>	<i>Ex. General Maintenance</i>	<i>Ex. 10/01/2000 – 09/30/2100</i>
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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 ongoing, and pursuant to PPM CW-P-80 is required before appointment, and upon reappointment.

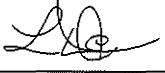
By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and I have received the required Ethics training (in the manner checked below)

- By watching the training program on the Web, DVD or VHS on Jan 31, 2024
 By attending a live presentation given on _____, 20____

AND

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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: Leontyne Brown Date: Feb 1, 2024

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) 233-0724.

Return this FORM to:
Criminal Justice Commission (Administration)
301 North Olive Avenue Suite 1001,
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
Phone: 561-355-1624 Email smoliere@pbegov.org

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Leontyne Brown is a two-time, Effie Award-winning advertising executive, with a proven track record of achievement in consumer advertising, marketing and communications for many of the world's most recognizable brands. Her portfolio of clients include Nike, Coca Cola, NASCAR, Honey Nut Cheerios, Toyota USA, and the Truth Anti-Tobacco Campaign, which was recently named one of the top 10 advertising campaigns of the 21st century by Ad Age. Leontyne also has the distinction of serving as the first Black and first woman Director of Advertising for Nike's Jordan Brand.

Today, Leontyne is a marketing consultant, combining her expertise in consumer brand marketing with corporate social impact strategies. Her work helps these companies to turn dialogue into structured and impactful action. In addition, Leontyne was recently appointed to join the Sephora/LVMH Equity Advisors and Partners Team; an advisory group established to provide the company with actionable strategies to increase partnerships for black-owned businesses. Leontyne also works directly with Sephora's leadership to bring more diverse and inclusive faces and stories to the company's marketing campaigns and elevate underrepresented talent in the marketing and advertising departments.

Leontyne Brown has received a number of professional awards including two (2) Gold Effie Awards in Advertising, Advertising Federation ADDY Award, Association of National Advertisers' Multicultural Excellence Award, 2018 Legacy Magazine Top 50 Women in Business Award, 2019 Delta Sigma Theta Woman Of Excellence Social Justice Award, and the 2023 Black Chamber of Palm Beach County Ascension Award for Social Action.

Leontyne is also very active in her community serving on a number of boards and committees, including the Executive Board of the Black Chamber of PBC, PBC Commission on the Status of Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, American Heart Association Health Equity Council, and Women's Foundation Professional Development Committee.

Leontyne is a 1998 graduate of Florida A&M University and is a lifetime member of the University's Alumni Association.

Attachment 2



Where Business Meets Opportunity

February 5, 2024

Rosalind L. Murray, MS
Community Engagement
Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
301 N. Olive Ave. 10th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: CJC Nomination of Ms. Leontyne Brown

Dear Ms. Murray,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, I would like to nominate Ms. Leontyne Brown to serve as our representative on the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Ms. Brown is a long time Board Member of the Black Chamber and is the founding member and chair of our Advocacy and Social Justice Committee. Ms. Brown either currently or has previously served on a number of boards and advisory committees with interests related to the CJC making her an ideal candidate for this appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at (561) 891-0793 should you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Joseph Sanches

Joseph Sanches, President
Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County

Attachment 3

Sec. 2-216. - Created.

There is hereby established an advisory commission to be known as the "Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission," herein referred to as the "Criminal Justice Commission."

(1) *Membership.* The Criminal Justice Commission shall be comprised of eighteen (18) public sector members and seventeen (17) private sector members for a total commission of thirty-five (35) members in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Board of County Commissioners for advisory commissions as follows:

a. *Public Sector Membership.*

1. Mayor or Commission member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
2. Palm Beach County Sheriff.
3. State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit.
4. Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit.
5. Clerk of the Palm Beach County Circuit Court.
6. Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit.
7. Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division, 15th Judicial Circuit.
8. Member, Palm Beach County School Board.
9. Member, Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation.
10. Member, Palm Beach County League of Cities.
11. District IX Juvenile Justice Manager, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
12. Representative of Police Chiefs Association.
13. Chief, West Palm Beach Police Department.
14. Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, 15th Judicial Circuit.
15. Supervisory Special Agent, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
16. President, Crime Prevention Officers' Association.
17. United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida or Assistant U.S. Attorney, West Palm Beach.
18. Member, Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

The term of membership for the Public Sector members will be for the duration of their position entitling them to sit as a member of the Criminal Justice Commission.

b. *Private Sector Membership.*

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Ten (10) persons will be nominated by the Palm Beach County Economic Council, of which consideration should be given to one (1) representative from CareerSource and one (1) representative from the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. Nominees do not have to be members of the Economic Council, and said nominations must be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida for approval.

2. One (1) person will be nominated to represent the Black Chamber of Commerce and one (1) person will be nominated to represent the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Each chamber will nominate its representative.
 3. Five (5) at-large members of the local community, including: one (1) local clergy; one (1) returning citizen; one (1) crime survivor; one (1) student between seventeen (17) and twenty-two (22) years of age; and one (1) member of the community at large shall be nominated by the Criminal Justice Commission and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
 4. *Member Nominations.* The nomination process shall begin ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of a member's term, or immediately in the event of an unplanned vacancy. The Economic Council, Black Chamber of Commerce, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce shall be notified and requested to provide nominations for appointment. An approved board appointment form, with attached resume, must be completed for all nominees prior to transmittal to the BCC. These members shall be representative of all segments of Palm Beach County, Florida.
 5. *Attendance.* Private Sector Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or a failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this paragraph shall not continue to serve on the Criminal Justice Commission and such removal shall create a vacancy.
- (2) *Maximum Number of Boards.* The maximum number of Boards that an individual member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners may serve on at one (1) time shall be three (3), except that no individual may serve on more than one (1) board, if doing so would violate Article II, Section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution, which prohibits dual office holding.
 - (3) *Terms of Office.* Private Sector members shall be appointed for a three-year term, with said term commencing on January 1 for the first year of appointment and expiring on December 31 of the third year. Beginning on or after March 1, 2013, no private sector member shall be

appointed or reappointed to the Criminal Justice Commission for more than three (3) consecutive three-year terms. Existing members' terms shall end on December 31 of the year in which their term expires.

- (4) *Vacancies.* Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term, and shall not count toward the member's term limits.
- (5) *Residency.* All members of the Criminal Justice Commission must be residents of Palm Beach County at the time of appointment or nomination and while serving on the Criminal Justice Commission. Exemptions to this requirement are allowed when circumstances warrant outside technical/professional representation, or if statute or other rule specifies. Appointed members of the Criminal Justice Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing body.
- (6) *Qualification as a Candidate.* Criminal Justice Commission members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for elected office.
- (7) *Sunshine Law and State Code of Ethics.* Criminal Justice Commission members shall comply with the Sunshine Law and State Code of Ethics. However, that portion of a meeting of a duly constituted Criminal Justice Commission at which members of the Commission discuss active criminal intelligence information or active criminal investigative information that is currently being considered by, or which may foreseeably come before, the Commission is exempt from F.S. § 286.011, as amended or replaced and Section 24(b), Article I of the Florida State Constitution, as amended or replaced, provided that at any public meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission at which such matter is being considered, the Commission members publicly disclose the fact that the matter has been discussed. Reasonable public notice of all Criminal Justice Commission meetings shall be provided. All meetings of the Criminal Justice Commission shall be open to the public at all times and minutes shall be taken at each meeting.
- (8) *Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.* Criminal Justice Commission members appointed under subsection (1)b.1—3 of this section are to comply with the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as codified in Sections 2-441 through 2-448 of the Palm Beach County Code.
- (9) *Annual Narrative Report.* The Criminal Justice Commission shall submit an annual narrative report to the Board of County Commissioners.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 1, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 89-3, § 1, 3-21-89; Ord. No. 90-38, § 1, 10-16-90; Ord. No. 92-14, § 1, 5-28-92; Ord. No. 92-25, § 1, 9-15-92; Ord. No. 93-1, § 1, 2-1-93; Ord. No. 93-35, § 1, 12-21-93; Ord. No. 95-6, § 1, 3-21-95; Ord. No. 2014-003, § 1, 3-11-14; Ord. No. 2016-017, § 1, 3-1-16; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Sec. 2-217. - Objectives.

The Criminal Justice Commission is established to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the County. This purpose shall include the study of the health and human services and educational systems, among others, as they pertain to criminal justice or crime prevention. The Criminal Justice Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on policies and programs designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- (1) Ensure the coordination of law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in the County;
- (2) Ensure an efficient, just, and cost effective criminal justice system in the County; and
- (3) Effect the reduction of crime in the County on a permanent basis.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 2, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Sec. 2-218. - Authority.

The Criminal Justice Commission shall have the following authority and powers:

- (1) To review, research and evaluate existing systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (2) To establish task forces or subcommittees to study in detail key aspects of programs and systems within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (3) To adopt from time to time rules and bylaws providing for the governance of the Criminal Justice Commission, which rules and bylaws will be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (4) To establish an executive committee by the majority vote of the members of the Criminal Justice Commission, which executive committee will have such powers and authority as delegated by the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (5) To review and comment on all grant requests for programs and systems within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (6) To make recommendations on modifying, creating or abolishing public and private systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (7) To make recommendations on modifying, creating or abolishing legislation, ordinances or regional or county-wide comprehensive plans dealing with systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (8) To assist the consolidation of systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission when approved by the Board of County Commissioners;
- (9)

To request members of all agencies within the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners, to provide the Criminal Justice Commission in a timely manner with all data and information requested by the Criminal Justice Commission, to appear at any meeting or hearing requested by the Criminal Justice Commission, and to otherwise work in cooperation and good faith with the Criminal Justice Commission in pursuing the Criminal Justice Commission's objectives; and

- (10) To take all acts reasonably required by the Criminal Justice Commission in the exercise of the authority set forth above and the pursuit of the Criminal Justice Commission's objectives.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 3, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Sec. 2-219. - Operation.

- (a) *Travel Expenses, Reimbursement and Approval Authority.* Members of the Criminal Justice Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be eligible for travel reimbursement for only those expenses which are incurred for travel outside Palm Beach County which is necessary to fulfill Criminal Justice Commission member responsibilities provided sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available as set forth in Countywide Policy and Procedures Memoranda (PPM) CW-O-038. Any approved travel reimbursement shall be subject to those actual expenses at the rate or rates established by State law and County travel policy. Approval authority for preauthorized Criminal Justice Commission member travel is designated to the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator and shall be in accordance with PPM CW-F-009.
- (b) The Criminal Justice Commission shall comply with the quorum requirements of Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 2021-009, as amended or replaced. The chairperson may call a meeting or a meeting may be called upon the written request of three (3) members made to the executive director.
- (c) The Criminal Justice Commission shall operate with such funding and staffing as the Board of County Commissioners shall approve from time to time.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 4, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2014-003, § 2, 3-11-14; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Sec. 2-220. - Staff cooperation and support.

The staff of the Board of County Commissioners, including but not limited to the County Administrator, the County Attorney, the Public Safety Department and all other departments of the County, are hereby charged with the responsibility to furnish to the Criminal Justice Commission such records, documents, reports and other data on criminal justice matters which, in the opinion of the Criminal Justice Commission, are reasonably necessary in order that the Criminal Justice Commission may fulfill the duties required of it hereunder. Support services for the Criminal Justice Commission shall be made available by the Public Safety Department, as needed.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 5, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Sec. 2-221. - Administration.

The Criminal Justice Commission shall perform its duties through collaboration between the County, municipality, and state criminal justice agencies, along with other intersecting system agencies, such as education, health, behavioral health, human services agencies and related community-based and non-profit organizations. The Board of County Commissioners shall employ an executive director who shall be responsible for executing the CJC's authority and work activities to achieve the mission and objectives of the Criminal Justice Commission. The executive director shall be responsible for resource allocation, operations, budgeting, and personnel. The executive director shall hire such other administrative, professional and clerical assistance as necessary to carry out its duties authorized by this article, and as provided for in the Criminal Justice Commission's budget, reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Administrator shall have oversight of the executive director who will be selected by the Criminal Justice Commission and County Administrator and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The goals and performance evaluations of the executive director shall be accomplished jointly by the County Administrator and the Criminal Justice Commission. The Public Safety Department may provide financial oversight in managing agreements, contracts, revenues and expenditures for the Criminal Justice Commission, as needed.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 6, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2016-017, § 2, 3-1-16; Ord. No. 2023-039, § 1, 11-21-23)

Attachment 4

Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Members

Seat #	Name	Designation
1	Michael Barnett	Member, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
2	Ric Bradshaw	Palm Beach County Sheriff
3	Dave Aronberg	State Attorney, 15 th Judicial Circuit
4	Carey Haughwout	Public Defender, 15 th Judicial Circuit
5	Joseph Abruzzo	Clerk of the Palm Beach County Circuit Court & Comptroller
6	Glenn Kelley	Chief Judge, 15 th Judicial Circuit
7	Kathleen Kroll	Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division
8	Marcia Andrews	Palm Beach County School Board Member
9	Katherine Waldron	Member, PBC Legislative Delegation
10	Lawrence Gordon	Member, League of Cities
11	Gregory Starling	Chief Probation Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice 15 th Circuit
12	VACANT	Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police
13	Frank Adderley	West Palm Beach Police Department Chief of Police
14	Derek Gibson	Circuit Administrator, Department of Corrections
15	Demetrios Thomas	Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
16	VACANT	Crime Prevention Association
17	Anthony Lacosta	Managing Assistant United States Attorney, West Palm Beach Office
18	Nellie King	Member, Palm Beach County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
19	VACANT	Black Chamber
20	Jorge Garrido	Hispanic Chamber
21	Earnie Ellison	Economic Council
22	Michelle Suskauer	Economic Council
23	Randolph K. Johnson Sr.	Economic Council
24	Julia Dattolo	Economic Council
25	Lauren Whetstone	Economic Council
26	Matthew Pawlowski	Economic Council
27	Darcy Davis	Economic Council
28	Marty Perry	Economic Council
29	Maria Antuna	Economic Council
30	Rachel Docekal	Economic Council
31	Kevin Jones	Member, PBC Clergy Association
32	VACANT	Returning Citizen
33	VACANT	Crime Survivor
34	VACANT	Youth (17-22)
35	VACANT	At-Large Community Member