# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

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Meeting Date:	September 16, 2025	-

Department: Administration

Advisory Board Name: Health Council of Southeast Florida, Inc.

### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** the appointment of (1) individual to the Health Council of Southeast Florida, Inc.(HCSEF) for a two (2) year term beginning September 16, 2025 through September 15, 2027.

<u>Appoint</u>	Seat Requirement	Nominated By
Dr. Alina Alonso, MD	Health Care Consumer	Mayor Marino Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Flores Commissioner Sachs

**Summary:** The HCSEF is a not-for-profit corporation established pursuant to Section 408.033, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of providing and coordinating health planning activities within Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. The Council consists of twelve members: six (6) representatives for Palm Beach County; two (2) members appointed by Martin County; two (2) members appointed by St. Lucie County; one (1) member appointed by Indian River County; and one (1) member appointed by Okeechobee County. The appointees must be representatives of health care providers, health care purchasers, and non-governmental health care consumers, not to exclude elected government officials. On August 22, 2025, a memorandum was sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requesting support of appointment or requesting additional nominations. No additional nominations were received. Countywide (JBR)

**Background and Justification:** The Council is generally charged with providing services that improve the health and quality of life for individuals living in the five (5) county service area. Specific powers identified in their bylaws include: establishing a system for gathering and analyzing data on characteristics of health problems; recommending goals and policies for improving health services; and preparing plans and procedures for attainment of health goals.

### Attachments:

- 1. Boards/Committees Application and Resume
- 2. August 22, 2025 Memorandum to the BCC
- 3. Current Membership listing from the Boards & Commissions Directory

Recommended By:	Hvonne Wausley	9/9/25
<i>,</i> —	Agenda Coordinator	Date
Legal Sufficiency:	Mosuthal	919125
	Assistant County Attorney	Date

## II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A.	Other Department Review:	
	Department Director	Date

REVISED 06/92 ADM FORM 03 (THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)



PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION
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# **BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION**

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. (Answer "NONE" or "N/A" where appropriate.)

### APPLICANT TO COMPLETE/SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- SECTION II
- CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS
- CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME or BIOGRAPHY

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# Alina M. Alonso, M.D. Population Health Approaches, LLC

Improving community resilience through the elimination of social and economic barriers

Dr. Alina Alonso served the medically underserved in Palm Beach County through the Health Department beginning in 1989. She became the Director in 2009, responsible for the operations of one of the largest county health departments in the state. Its 720-plus employees continue to provide a full range of primary and preventive services to seven health centers throughout Palm Beach County. Its numerous other Public Health services include Epidemiology, Communicable Disease Control, Environmental Public Health, Nutrition, Emergency Preparedness, School Health, and Community Health and Education, making it a nationally recognized academic organization in a class by itself.

Dr. Alonso had the distinction of training in Bio-Chemical Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction starting in 1997. She handled the clinical operations of the first case of inhalation Anthrax in the United States in recent history. Dr. Alonso obtained extensive training with infectious and emergent diseases, handling everything from Anthrax to Zika. She is passionate about a healthy community with equity and social justice for every resident and visitor.

Dr. Alonso graduated from Barry University in 1978 with a Major in Biology, a double Minor in Chemistry and Mathematics, and a BS degree. She pursued her medical career as a 1984 graduate of the foreign medical school, Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez, in Mexico. In New York, she served as Chief Resident in the three-year Family Practice Residency Program at St. Joseph Medical Center from 1985 to 1988. After returning home, she finished a second Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency in 1992 at the Palm Beach County Health Department. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice, a member of the National Association of County and City Health Officers, and a Palm Beach County Medical Society member.

She has won numerous awards and recognitions in her 33 years in Public Health, such as Executive Women of the Palm Beaches-Public Sector 2009, Cardinal Newman High School Alumni Legacy Award 2013, Palm Beach County Medical Society Hero in Medicine Physician of the Year 2016, Woman Physician of the Year 2020, Heroes in Medicine-Tulisa LaRocca MD Leadership Award 2020, COVID Outstanding Service Recognition-County Safety Council of PB County 2021, the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health for Palm Beach County Contributor, 2021, USA Today's Woman of the Year, 2022, Service Award from the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and a reading on the floor of the House of Representative from Representative Louise Frankel honoring her for her services during her career.

In her retirement, Dr. Alonso combines her Cuban heritage and experience to stay active in minority health issues, patient's rights advocacy, cultural diversity, health equity, and population health. Her favorite pastimes are bird watching, snorkeling, and scuba diving off the Florida Keys and the Bahamas Islands with her two sons.

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### County Administrator

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Honorable Mayor Maria G. Marino & Members of

the Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Yvonne Wamsley, Agenda Coordinato

County Administration

DATE:

August 22, 2025

RE:

Health Council of Southeast Florida, Inc.

The Health Council of Southeast Florida, Inc. is comprised of 12 members: six (6) representatives appointed by Palm Beach County; one (1) appointed representative each for Indian River County; and Okeechobee County; and two (2) representatives each appointed by Martin County and St. Lucie County. Appointees shall be representatives of health care providers, health care purchasers, and non-governmental health care consumers. A majority of the Council must be health care purchasers and health care consumers, and the Council must include a representative number of persons over 60 years of age. The purpose of the Council is to assess, plan and advise for the health needs in the above counties; establish a system for gathering and analyzing data on characteristics of health problems in the counties and recommend goals and polices for developing and improving health services. Members serve two (2) year terms.

There is a current vacancy on this Board. An application has been received by Dr. Alino Alonso, MD who has expressed an interest in serving and meets the requirements.

Should you be in support of this application, please sign and return page 2 of the application to Agenda Coordinator, Yvonne Wamsley at <a href="https://www.wamsley@pbcgov.org">www.wamsley@pbcgov.org</a> no later than <a href="https://www.september 5, 2025">Friday, September 5, 2025</a>. In the event you have someone you would like to nominate who meets the seat requirement, please provide their contact information. Once all nominations have been submitted, the nominees will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on September 16, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 561-355-3229.

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cc:

Tammy Fields, Assistant County Administrator

Enclosure(s)

- Dr. Alonso application and resume
- Current Membership List



### 2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Christine Bishop, OD** 

Chairperson

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Term: 4/25/2014 - Current

Elisabeth 'Lissa' Franklin

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Palm Beach County Representative

Term: 8/20/2019 - Current

**Kathleen Burdette** 

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St. Lucie County Representative
Term: 6/03/2019 – Current

Jackalyn Fignar, RN, MBA, LNHA

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Term: 8/15/2017 - Current

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mcaldwell@kempelaw.com
Palm Beach County Representative

Term: 08/25/1992-Current

Teena White, DNP, APRN

Board Member 2311 SW Essex Court Palm City, FL 34990

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Martin County Representative
Term: 11/18/2021 - Current

Lisa Hatch

Board Member
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St. Lucie County Representative

Term: 11/2024- Current

Dr. Alyn Casal-Fernandez

Board Member HHA Hospital Medicine 11745 SE Laurel Lane

Hobe Sound, FL 33455

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Martin County Representative Term: May 2025- Current