

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 30, 2025  
Department: Administration  
Advisory Board Name: Health Care District of Palm Beach County

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the reappointment of one (1) member to the Health Care District (HCD) Board for a four (4) year term beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2029:

Reappoint	Seat Requirement	Nominated By
Cathleen Ward	Elected Official	Mayor Marino Vice Mayor Baxter Commissioner Woodward Commissioner Sachs Commissioner Powell Jr.

Summary: The Health Care District of Palm Beach County (HCD) was created to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County (PBC) and to maximize the health and well-being of residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery. Per Chapter 2003-326, Laws of Florida, the HCD is comprised of seven (7) members. In appointing members to the HCD, the appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of PBC in selecting individuals to serve on the HCD. At least one (1) member, but not more than two (2) members shall reside in the Glades Area. The Governor shall appoint three (3) members; the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) shall appoint three (3) members, one (1) of which must be an elected official at the time of appointment; and one (1) member shall be the Director of the Palm Beach County Health Department. Members may serve two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms. West Palm Beach City Commissioner Cathleen Ward’s term in seat 1 is expiring on September 30, 2025. The requirement for this seat is that the individual must be an elected official. Commissioner Ward has expressed interest in continuing to serve. A memorandum dated September 9, 2025 was sent to the BCC for nominations. Countywide (JBR)

Background and Policy Issues: The HCD was created to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of PBC and to maximize the health and well-being of residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery.

- Attachments:
- 1. Board/Committee Application and Resume
  - 2. Memorandum dated September 9, 2025 sent to the BCC
  - 3. Current Membership listing from the Boards & Commissions Directory

Recommended By: Gerrine Hanesley 9/23/25  
Agenda Coordinator Date

Legal Sufficiency: M. Rosenthal 9/24/25  
Assistant County Attorney Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

\_\_\_\_\_

Department Director Date



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION  
301 N Olive Avenue, WPB, FL 33401  
[www.discover.pbccgov.org](http://www.discover.pbccgov.org)

## 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

### SECTION I

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

\_\_\_\_ Advisory ☒ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Health Care District

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ REAPPOINTMENT ☐ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: 10/01/2025 START DATE 9/30/2027 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 2 YEARS

SEAT #: 1

SEAT REQUIREMENT: PBC Resident

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO: ☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*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

(to be completed by applicant)

**\*MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT**

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Cathleen D Ward

ADDRESS: 523 40th Street

CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33407

PHONE #: 5612229501

EMAIL: cward@lippes.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Lippes Mathias LLP; City of West Palm Beach

OCCUPATION: Attorney; City Commissioner

ADDRESS: 4420 Beacon Circle

CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33407

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☒ RESIDENCE ☐ BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY:

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 8/28/25


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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: Cathleen D. Ward DATE: 9/2/25

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
BCC MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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YES \_\_\_\_\_ X NO \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: Cathleen D. Ward DATE: 9/2/25

**SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

DISTRICT # 1

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 9/11/25

**SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

APPOINTMENT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

BCC MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DISTRICT # 6 DATE: 9/18/25

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
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PRINTED

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9/2/25

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

4

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Marcia Woodward

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

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YES

X

NO

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X

COMPLETED

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8/28/25

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**SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

DISTRICT #

5

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES

NO

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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 7

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

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Palm Beach County native and resident of West Palm Beach's north end, Cathleen Ward was sworn into office as West Palm Beach City Commissioner for District 1 on March 31st, 2022. Ward is also a partner at Lippes Mathias in West Palm Beach where she concentrates her legal practice in the areas of commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, contracts and general corporate law.

Prior to becoming Commissioner, Ward served on the West Palm Beach Planning Board and has served on the Board of Northend Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc., Neighborhood Renaissance, Inc., and Community Alliance of Palm Beach County. She was also a member of the Emerging Leaders of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. Most recently, she was appointed by the Palm Beach County Commission to serve as a board member of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

“As a resident and mother, I am driven to create positive change in my community, and now even more so as a commissioner, I recognize the immense responsibility residents have placed in me to implement and influence policy that further establishes West Palm Beach as one of the best cities in the country,” shared Ward, who was born in Jupiter. “We need safer streets, affordable homes, and thriving businesses to ensure we are a vibrant, safe city that offers its residents the best quality of life.”

Ward also brings dynamic professional experience to her new role. Recognized as an advocate and tough negotiator for her clients, she represents financial institutions and business owners, with an adept skill at understanding complex and complicated materials and providing sound guidance on best corporate practices. Ward's diverse government and legal experience underscore her commitment to public service and community engagement.

Ward earned her Juris Doctorate from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami Gardens, and her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor Maria G. Marino & Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Yvonne Wamsley, Agenda Coordinator 

**DATE:** September 9, 2025

**RE:** **Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board Request for Endorsement/Support**

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board is comprised of seven (7) members: the Board of County Commissioners appoints three (3) members, one (1) of whom must be an elected official, other than themselves; the Governor appoints three (3) members; and the Palm Beach County Health Department Director is a permanent member. The appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of the County in selecting individuals to serve, with at least one (1) person, but not more than two (2) of whom shall reside in the Glades area. Members serve for a term of two (2) or four (4) years, beginning October 1. Members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms. A copy of the current board membership is attached.

Seat No. 1 is currently held by Ms. Catherine Ward and due to expire September 30, 2025. Ms. Ward was appointed by the BCC on January 23, 2024 to fill a vacancy due to resignation. Ms. Ward has expressed interest to continue to serve. As an elected official, the term for this seat is for only two (2) years.

You will find a copy of Ms. Ward's application and resume for your review and nomination/endorsement.

You also have the option to nominate another candidate for the position.

Please notify Agenda Coordinator, Yvonne Wamsley of your nomination at (561) 355-3229 or [ywamsley@pbcgov.org](mailto:ywamsley@pbcgov.org) no later than **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**. Once all nominations have been submitted, the nominees will be presented to the BCC scheduled meeting.

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

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**cc:** Tammy Fields, Deputy County Administrator

### Enclosures

- 1) Application and resume for applicant
- 2) Current Membership Roster

### County Administration

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### Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Maria G. Marino, Mayor

Sara Baxter, Vice Mayor

Gregg K. Weiss

Joel G. Flores

Marci Woodward

Maria Sachs

Bobby Powell Jr.

### County Administrator

Joseph Abruzzo

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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**I. AUTHORITY :**

2003-326

**II. APPOINTING BODY :**

State of Florida/Required by Statute

**III. COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS & REMOVAL :**

The Health Care District shall be governed by a District board which shall be composed of seven (7) members. The appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of Palm Beach County in selecting individuals to serve on the District Board, at least one (1) person, but not more than two (2) of whom shall reside in the Glades area (that area of Palm Beach County lying west of the line between Range 39 East Range 40 East). The membership of the District Board is as follows: 1) The Governor shall appoint three (3) members to serve on the District Board; 2) The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County shall appoint three (3) members to the District Board, other than themselves, one (1) of whom must be an elected official at the time of the appointment; and 3) the Palm Beach County Public Health Department Director. Any vacancies on the District Board for whatever cause shall be filled in the same manner as set forth in this act for an initial appointment. Each member of the District Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until a successor is appointed. The term of the office of a District Board member shall be construed to commence on October 1 of the year of appointment and to terminate September 30 of the year of the end of his or her term. No member of the District Board may serve more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms, with the exception of the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

**EXTENDED COMPOSITION :**

**IV. MEETINGS :**

All regularly scheduled meetings are held quarterly and posted on our website under public meetings. The meetings are held in our Board Room located at 1515 N Flagler Drive, Suite 101, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**V. FUNCTIONS :**

To provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of PBC and to maximize the health and well-being of PBC residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery.

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*\* indicates a member having an action pending*

VI. LIAISON INFORMATION :

LIAISON DEPARTMENT

Health Care District

County Administration

CONTACT PERSON

Darcy J. Davis

Reginald Duren

ADDRESS

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HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

SEAT ID	CURRENT MEMBER	ROLE TYPE	RACE CODE	GENDER	BUSINESS / HOME PHONE	SEAT REQUIREMENT	APPOINT DATE	REAPPOINT DATE	EXPIRE DATE	MEMBER TERM
Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners										
1	Cathleen Ward cward@warddamon.com  523 40th St West Palm Beach FL 33407	Member	CA	F	--	Elected Official	01/23/2024		09/30/2025	Unexpired
NOMINATED BY :										
2	Tammy Jackson-Moore tmoore@hcdpbc.org The Jackson-Moore Group P.O. Box 3053 Belle Glade FL 33430	Member	AA	F	--	Resident west of 20 Mile Bend	10/01/2019	09/19/2023	09/30/2027	
NOMINATED BY :										
3	Julio Borroto aborroto81@gmail.com  7201 Catalina Isle Dr Lake Worth FL 33467	Member	HA	M	561-248-1318	Resident of Palm Beach County	10/08/2024		09/30/2028	
NOMINATED BY :										
Appointed By : Palm Beach County Health Department										
4	Jyothi Gunta jyothi.gunta@flhealth.gov Florida Department of Health-PBC, WPB Office 800 Clematis St West Palm Beach FL 33401	Member	AI	F	561-310-7373	PBC Health Department Representative	04/10/2023			
NOMINATED BY :										

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**Appointed By : Governor, State of Florida**

5	Carlos Vidueira cvidueira@hcdpbc.org Huizenga Holdings, Inc.	Member	HA	M	--	Resident of Palm Beach County 12/06/2022	09/30/2026
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**NOMINATED BY :**

6	Patrick Rooney prooney@hcdpbc.org Palm Beach Kennel Club	Member	CA	M	--	Resident of Palm Beach County 12/06/2022	09/30/2026
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**NOMINATED BY :**

7	Tracey Caruso tcaruso@hcdpbc.org Delray Beach Executive Suites	Member	CA	F	--	Resident of Palm Beach County 12/06/2022	09/30/2026
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