

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

Meeting Date:	September 1, 2026
Department:	Planning, Zoning & Building Department
Submitted By:	Building Division
Advisory Board Name:	Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB)

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: reappointment of one (1) member to the Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB) for the term September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029:

<u>Re-appointment</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Thomas Hogarth	11	Engineer	Florida Engineering Society, Palm Beach Chapter

Summary: The BCAB was established by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature in 1974, and amended in 2025 to broaden the definition of a Building Official, thereby expanding the pool of qualified candidates who can serve as Board members. The term of office for Board members is three (3) years, with no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. The Board currently has 13 members: one (1) architect, one (1) engineer, one (1) plumbing contractor, one (1) roofing contractor, one (1) aluminum contractor, one (1) HVAC contractor, six (6) building officials, and one (1) electrical contractor. The Board is comprised of 16 seats with 13 currently filled. **Countywide** (RM)

Background and Justification: The BCAB is authorized to advise local governments regarding adoption of administrative or technical amendments to the Florida Building Code based on local conditions; advise local governments how to improve and standardize construction code enforcement; and advise local governments on evaluation of new and innovative materials, products, systems, or methods of construction for compliance with the Florida Building Code, and any amendments or revisions thereto.

Attachments:

1. Board/Committees Application and Resume/Biography
2. Current Member List
3. Attendance
4. Special Act

Recommended By:

Department Director

Date _____

Legal Sufficiency:

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.)



BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

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

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION
301 N Olive Avenue, WPB, FL 33401
www.discover.pbcgov.org

- 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: Building Code Advisory Board

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT # ☐

☒ REAPPOINTMENT ☐ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: 09/01/2026 START DATE 08/31/2029 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS

SEAT #: 11

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Engineer

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) Thomas Hogarth

ADDRESS: 432 Anchorage Lane

CITY: North Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33408

PHONE #: (561) 779-7703

EMAIL: tom.hogarth57@gmail.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Retired (Palm Beach County School District)

OCCUPATION: Building Official/Engineer

ADDRESS: ☐

CITY: ☐ STATE: ☐ ZIP: ☐

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☒ RESIDENCE ☐ BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY: ☐ YES ☒ NO

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

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

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SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: X NONE NOT APPLICABLE/(Governmental Entity)

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 Service	Term
Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)	Parks & Rec	General Maintenance	10/01/00 - 09/30/2100

SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County? YES X NO
If YES, please list:

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: X COMPLETED DATE: June 29, 2026

All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII of the Palm Beach Code, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Ethics training is on-going, and pursuant to PPM CW-P-79 is required before appointment, and upon reappointment. All board members must also be familiar with the State of Florida Code of Ethics, (Chapter 112, part III of the Florida Statutes), and the Florida Sunshine Law.

Training on the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics can be found on the web at:
<http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>.

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII of 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.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: 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 Code of Ethics Training. By signing below, I acknowledge that I will be subject to the State of Florida and Palm Beach County Code of Ethics and the Florida Sunshine Law (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes).

(NOTE: Signature must be an actual signature or an electronic signature. A "typed" signature (name) will not be accepted)

SIGNATURE: TOM HOGARTH PRINTED NAME: Thomas Hogarth DATE: 6/29/2026

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT #

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: DATE:

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO
BCC MEETING: DATE

Pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law, this document may be reviewed and photocopied by members of the public.

THOMAS HOGARTH, P.E., CBO
432 ANCHORAGE LANE
NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33408
Phone (561) 779-7703

Thirty years of progressive and highly responsible administrative, engineer and managerial positions with a broad range of experience and assignments including government, consulting and construction management.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2002 to 2024 - Building Department Director, Palm Beach County School District.

Department Head and Building Official reporting to the Chief of Support Operations. Responsible for the operation of the School District Building Department and enforcement of the Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code in conducting plan review, permitting and inspections of new school facility construction, renovation and remodeling. Also acts as Chief Fire Safety Inspector responsible for annual inspections of 170 existing educational facilities as required by the State Fire Marshal. Responsible for the development and enforcement of the District Design Standards for school facilities.

1994 to 2002 - Director of Public Services/Building Official, Village of North Palm Beach, Florida

Department Head reporting to the Village Manager and responsible for the operation of a technical and administrative municipal department including Building, Planning, Zoning, Sanitation, Facility Maintenance, Vehicle Maintenance, Parks, Streets, Occupational Licensing and Code Enforcement divisions.

1991 to 1993 - Engineer, City of Margate, Florida

1990 to 1991 - Engineer, Cooper Consulting Engineers, Inc., Deerfield Beach, Florida

1987 to 1989 – Construction Project Manager, Adler Group, Inc., Miami, Florida

1985 to 1987 – Project Manager/Estimator, Roma Construction, Inc., Hollywood, Florida

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

B.S. in Civil Engineering, 1981

University of Miami, Leadership and Management Executive Education Program, 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- **Professional Engineer, Florida**
- **Building Code Administrator, Florida**
- **Building Inspector and Plans Examiner, Florida**
- **Firesafety Inspector, Florida**
- **Certified Floodplain Manager**
- **LEED AP (BD+C)**
- **Certified General Contractor (inactive), Florida**

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County, (President - 2001)**
 - **Palm Beach County Construction Industry Licensing Board, (1996 to 2002, (2011 to 2018)**
 - **Palm Beach County Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Review Committee (2011 – 2016)**
 - **International Code Council, IgCC Water and Energy Code Committee – Vice Chair (2012)**
 - **Village of North Palm Beach Planning Commission (2012 – present)**
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BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD (BCAB)

CURRENT MEMBER LIST

- 1- Wayne Cameron, Building Official
 - 2- John Kuntzman, Building Official
 - 3- Robert Brown, Building Official
 - 4- Jacek Tomasik, Building Official
 - 5- Michael Dinorscio, Building Official
 - 6- VACANT
 - 7- Matthew Mills, Building Official
 - 8- Gary Kozan, Plumbing Contractor
 - 9- Joseph Byrne, Roofing Contractor
 - 10- VACANT
 - 11- Thomas Hogarth, Engineer
 - 12- Kristin Materka, Architect
 - 13- Donald Sharkey, Electrical Contractor
 - 14- VACANT
 - 15- Mark Worrell, HVAC Contractor
 - 16- Gregory Miller, Aluminum Contractor
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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD (BCAB)
ATTENDANCE

2025

<i>MONTHS</i>	January On-site no quorum	February Special meet On-site no quorum	April CANCELLED	July CANCELLED	September CANCELLED	November
Edward Lynch						
Robert Brown						
Wayne Cameron						
Michael DiNorscio						
Jacek Tomasik						
Frank Coppola						
Gary Kozan						
Joseph Byrne						
Thomas Hogarth						
Kristin Materka						
Donald Sharkey						
Gregory Miller						
John Kuntzman						

2026

<i>MONTHS</i>	January	March (no quorum) CANCELLED	May (no quorum) CANCELLED	July Cancelled no agenda items	September	November
Wayne Cameron						
John Kuntzman						
Robert Brown						
Michael DiNorscio						
Jacek Tomasik						
Gary Kozan						
Joseph Byrne						
Frank Coppola						
Thomas Hogarth						
Kristin Materka						
Donald Sharkey						
Mark Worrell						
Edward Lynch						
Gregory Miller						

CHAPTER 2025-225

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4011

An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending chapter 74-565, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the definition of the term "building official"; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 2 of chapter 74-565, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2001-323, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(3) "Building official" means an individual charged with the administration and enforcement of the Florida Building Code, who possesses a Florida Building Code Administrator certification and is serving ~~is a full-time employee of a municipality or the county, in the respective commission election district from in which he or she is nominated the jurisdiction is situated.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2025.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 11, 2025.

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HB 1297

2017 Legislature

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2 An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending ch. 74-
3 565, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the
4 nomination process for appointees to the Building Code
5 Advisory Board of Palm Beach County; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 6 of chapter 74-565,
11 Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2001-323, Laws of
12 Florida, is amended to read:

13 Section 6 Appointments.—

14 (1) The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County
15 shall appoint the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach
16 County and supply it with a meeting place, office supplies
17 including stationery, legal counsel, technical staff, mechanical
18 recording of its meetings, written transcripts of the minutes of
19 its meetings, secretarial service, and storage space for its
20 records. The board shall have 16 members, composed of 7 building
21 officials, 1 from each commission election district, appointed
22 from nominees submitted by the Building Official's Association
23 of Palm Beach County; 7 members appointed from nominees
24 submitted by the following industry associations: the Associated
25 General Contractors, Florida East Coast Chapter; the Gold Coast

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HB 1297

2017 Legislature

26 Builders Association; the Associated Builders and Contractors,
 27 Florida East Coast Chapter; the Electrical Council of Florida,
 28 Palm Beach Chapter; the Palm Beach County Roofing and Sheet
 29 Metal Contractors Association; the Air Conditioning Contractors
 30 of America, Palm Beach Chapter; the Plumbing Heating Cooling
 31 Contractors Association of Florida, Palm Beach Chapter; or from
 32 any other recognized regional industry trade association the
 33 Construction Industry Management Council of Palm Beach County; 1
 34 member who shall be a registered architect appointed from
 35 nominees submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter of the American
 36 Institute of Architects; and 1 member who shall be a
 37 professional engineer appointed from nominees submitted by the
 38 Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society. All
 39 appointments shall be for a term of 3 years, and each member
 40 shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. If a
 41 vacancy should occur before a term has expired, the Board of
 42 County Commissioners shall appoint a new member within 60 days
 43 to complete the unexpired term.
 44 (2) Members shall be required to attend all regular and
 45 special meetings of the board. The chair of the board shall
 46 notify the Board of County Commissioners when a member
 47 accumulates three consecutive absences from the regular meetings
 48 or when a member fails to attend 50 percent of all meetings of
 49 the board during any 12-month period. On such notification, the
 50 member shall be removed by the Board of County Commissioners,

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51 and the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a new member
 52 within 60 days to complete the unexpired term. The board shall
 53 hold meetings open to the public at least once in every calendar
 54 quarter, adopt rules and procedures, and elect a chair and vice
 55 chair. A quorum of the board shall be 10 members, with a
 56 concurring vote of 9 members required to approve any action.
 57 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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