Agenda Item #: 3X-3

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: December 1, 2026

Department: Public Safety Department

Advisory Board: Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: reappointment of four (4) members to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) of Palm Beach County for a three (3) year term from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029.

Seat No.	Reappointment	Seat Requirement/Nominated By
32	Oswald Newbold	Returning Citizen Criminal Justice Commission
33	Karen Hansen	Crime Survivor Criminal Justice Commission
35	Vanessa Klein	Community Member Criminal Justice Commission

Summary: The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted an Ordinance in August of 1988 establishing the CJC, as codified in the Palm Beach County (County) Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5. 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. Private sector membership shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, with said term commencing on January 1, or the BCC approval date, for the first year of appointment, and expiring on December 31 of the third year. On October 26, 2026 the CJC approved the reappointment of the three (3) at-large members. The CJC currently has 35 seats filled. **Countywide** (JW)

Background and Justification: The CJC makes recommendations to the BCC on policies and programs; provides overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts; ensures thorough data research that the County operates an efficient, just, and cost-effective criminal justice system; and its work effects the reduction of crime on a permanent basis in the County. These efforts have been accomplished by establishing task forces and subcommittees, adopting bylaws, and research partnerships and other efforts to pursue the mission and objectives of the CJC. Currently, the CJC is the largest advisory board to the BCC and among the longest standing boards.

Attachments:

1. Board/Committee Application and Resumes/Bios
2. PBC Code, Sections 2-216–2-221 (CJC)
3. CJC membership list

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Recommended by: Stephen 10/27/26
Department Director **Date**

Legal Sufficiency: Jean Adel Williams 10/29/26
Assistant County Attorney **Date**

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

Attachment 1

BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

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

SECTION I (OFFICE USE ONLY)

XC Advisory ___ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Criminal Justice Commission

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: X AT-LARGE ___ DISTRICT # ___
X REAPPOINTMENT ___ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: 1/27/2027 START DATE 12/31/2029 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS

SEAT #: 32

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Returning Citizen

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ___ YES X NO
IF YES: DUE TO: ___ RESIGNATION ___ OTHER
COMPLETING TERM FOR: ___
ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: ___

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SECTION II (to be completed by applicant) *MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) OSWALD NEWBOLD, II
ADDRESS: 1565 W. 20TH ST.
CITY: RIVIERA BEACH STATE: FL ZIP: 33404
PHONE #: 561-951-9448
EMAIL: Onewbold@rivierabeach.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
OCCUPATION: REENTRY COORDINATOR
ADDRESS: 2051 MARTIN L. KING JR. BLVD., SUITE 307
CITY: RIVIERA BEACH STATE: FL ZIP: 33404

MAILING PREFERENCE: ✓ RESIDENCE ___ BUSINESS

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: *(choose one from each group)*

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SIGNATURE: Oswald Newbold II PRINTED NAME: OSWALD NEWBOLD II DATE: 6-24-2026

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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Oswald Newbold II

Riviera Beach, FL
(561) 951-9448
oswald.p2p28@prisontopro.org

Criminal Justice Professional

BACKGROUND

Offers extensive criminal justice expertise grounded in formal education, policy advocacy, reentry/reintegration services, conflict mediation, and lived experience.

EDUCATION

Palm Beach Atlantic University
Graduated magna cum laude, Bachelor's of Science, Organizational Leadership

Florida A&M University
Major: Criminal Justice; Minor: Political Science (30 credit hours earned)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reentry Coordinator, The Reentry Center of Riviera Beach, Riviera Beach, FL 2023-Present

- Manages reentry programs and services, including case management and evaluation.
- Collaborates with case managers on client activities for community reintegration.
- Establishes program procedures for service delivery.
- Engages with public and private agencies to exchange and develop resources.
- Represents the Justice Service Center in public relations at various initiatives.
- Partners with courts and corrections to identify and address reentry gaps.

Case Manager, The Reentry Center of Riviera Beach, Riviera Beach, FL 2021-2023

- Provided counseling, assessments, interventions, and education to clients while maintaining case notes and files.
- Collaborated with family, social services, mental health, probation, and law enforcement to aid client reintegration.
- Developed case plans, set goals with clients, and conducted follow-up assessments to track goal progress.
- Maintained ongoing knowledge of the reentry field and attended trainings/workshops as needed.
- Utilized motivational interviewing (MI) while administering risk needs assessments.

Peer Mentor (1099 Worker), The GEO Group Inc., Boca Raton, FL 2019-Present

- Mentors post-release individuals who have had criminal justice involvement.
- Mentors pre-release individuals inside of GEO facilities in Florida and New Jersey.
- Leads a monthly Zoom Alumni meetings for GEO secure services site graduates across multiple states.
- Confers with GEO leadership about projects that can help returning citizens.

Founder, Libra-Life Mentoring Services Inc. d/b/a Libra-Life International, Riviera Beach, FL 2017-Present

- Mentors youth who have an incarcerated or formerly incarcerated parent or loved one.
- Provides emotional support and guidance through mentoring, meetings, and workshops.
- Teaches personal, career, and leadership development, and conflict mediation.
- In 2024, established a d/b/a Libra-Life International to advocate and support the needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals in global development decision-making forums, which includes policy advocacy and social justice advocacy.

Owner & CEO, On2 Enterprises LLC, Riviera Beach, FL 2017-Present

- Consults organizational leadership in creating and implementing strategies, methods, and-or plans geared towards increasing overall performance.
- Conducts personal and professional development workshops, seminars, and training programs.
- Mediates disputes between individuals, groups, and organizations (includes neighbor, employment, consumer, school, roommate, and group conflicts).
- Performs motivational, inspirational, and empowerment speeches.
- Engages in intellectual property creation.

Peer Facilitator, Florida Department of Corrections, Pahokee, FL 2014-2017

- Facilitated group sessions in Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for substance abuse and recovery.
- Participated in required monthly training with the program director.
- Attended weekly meetings.
- Helped plan and coordinate special events and special trainings.
- Was senior peer facilitator responsible for orientating and training new peers.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPERIENCE

- **President of the Board**, National Association of Reentry Professionals Inc.
  - Leads and oversee the strategic direction of the organization, dedicated to improving reentry.
- **Vice-Chair**, Palm Beach Reentry Alliance
  - Participates in decision-making processes to advance reentry initiatives and improve outcomes for individuals reintegrating into Palm Beach County after incarceration.
- **Executive Committee Member**, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
  - Makes recommendations to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
  - Advises on policies, programs, and funding to improve the county criminal justice sectors.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Reentry Peer Specialist (RPS) 2022
- Certified Instructor Training- Adult Mental Health First Aid Course 2021
- Adult Mental Health First Aid USA Certified 2021
- Mentor Training for Trainers- Peer Mentoring 2021
- Certified Conflict Mediation/ADR 2008, 2014, 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/PANELS

- Crime, Safety, Security & Reentry 2026
- Voices from the Field: A Reentry Team's Honest Conversation About Success and Barriers 2026
- Breaking Chains, Building Futures (Student Voice as Leadership) 2026
- Challenges & Opportunities with Behavioral & Mental Health Impacts on Criminal Justice Systems 2026
- Reparations and Confronting Colonial Legacies: African and African Descent Perspectives 2026
- Prison Education Programming 2025
- The Intersection of Reentry and Restorative Justice for Students, Families, and The Community 2025
- Lived Experiences: Justice-Impacted Loved Ones on the Transformative Power of Prison Education 2025
- Reimagining Reentry: Turning Services Disruptions Into Innovation 2024
- Peer Connections in Reentry: What We Know and What We Don't Know 2023
- It Takes a Village: Family & The Reentry Process 2022
- The Role of Peer Mentoring & Peer Support in Successful Reentry 2022
- Tackling Recidivism 2022
- Leadership Forum: Starting Over 2020
- A Father's Heart: Overcoming Obstacles 2019
- Grown Man Moves Table Talk 2 2019
- Innovative Social Justice: A Path for Libraries 2018

TRAININGS

- Prison-to-Professionals (P2P) Retreat and Speakers Bureau Training 2025
- Leading with Conviction (LwC) Leadership, Advocacy, and Policy Training Program 2024
- Prison-to-Professionals (P2P) Scholar Program, Cohort 28 2023
- Home Visit Safety Awareness Training 2023
- Leadership Equity Institute (Safety + Justice Challenge) 2022
- Motivational Interviewing (MI) 2022
- Level of Service Inventory- Revised (LSI-r) 2021
- Racial/Ethnic Implicit Bias and Microaggressions for Criminal Justice Professionals 2021
- 41st Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy 2020

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- *Co-author*, Breaking Chains, Building Futures: Pathways to Redemption, Education, and Excellence 2025
- *Co-author*, The Joseph Anointing: From Prison to Prosperity 2022

OPINION ARTICLES (Guest Columnist)

- Confronting the Crisis: Excessive Use of Force, Intimidation, and falsified Documents in U.S. Correctional Facilities 2026
- The Kenyan Government Must Invest in Criminal Justice Reform to Restore Dignity 2025
- The US Needs to Rethink Its Punitive Legal Approach to Mental Health 2024
- The Pact for the Future Must Include the Unique Needs of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Persons 2024

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- What's the 411? — Host: Sharon Kay 2026
- KOMO 4 TV (ARC Seattle) — Hosts: Steve McCarron & Holly Menino 2025
- Breaking Chains Podcast — Host: Riq Dilly 2025
- Chasing the Insights Podcast — Host: Vince Warnock 2025
- Your World of Creativity — Host: Mark Stinson 2025
- A More Perfect Union Podcast — Host: Dr. Nii Quartelai Quartey 2025
- The Spiritual Forum Podcast — Host: Rev. Carol Saunders 2025
- Transform U Podcast — Host: Marcus Hart 2025
- Mindset Mastery Moments Podcast — Host: Dr. Alisa Whyte 2025
- The Wall Behind and Beyond Podcast — Hosts: Phillip A. Jones & Clover A. Perez 2025
- Heal It Podcast — Host: Ken D. Foster 2025
- The Broken Brain Podcast — Host: Dwight Hurst 2025
- Breaking Chains, Building Futures Workshop — Host: ShaWanda Manuel 2025

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Alumni of the Year — The GEO Group 2026
- Employee of the Year — City of Riviera Beach 2025
- Second Chance Hero Award 2025
- Ephesus Community Impact Award 2023
- Outstanding Performance & Excellence in the Community 2022
- Abdus Salaam Logan Award for Perseverance & Commitment to Change 2019

MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC)
- Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network (FICGN)
- JustUS Coordinating Council (JCC)
- National Association of Reentry Professionals Inc. (NARP)
- Unlock HigherEd (UHE)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Racial/Ethnic Implicit Biases in Law Enforcement Approaches
- Disparities in Sentencing
- School to Prison Pipeline
- Corrections Methodology and Internal Ethics
- Barriers and Challenges to Post-Incarceration Reintegration
- Impact of Peer Mentoring in Reducing Recidivism

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, TRAININGS, AND-OR CERTIFICIATIONS

Global Advocacy in Criminal Justice and Prison Reform in Africa
Nairobi, Kenya (2025)

- Represented Libra-Life International during a 6-week policy advocacy visit to Nairobi, Kenya, advancing justice-focused initiatives.
- Built partnerships with justice actors and organizations: Clean Start Africa, Legal Resources Foundation–Haki Itawale, and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute Kenya, to collaborate on criminal justice and prison reform.
- Partnering to co-develop initiatives to implement a 12-week prison mentoring program, establish a Reintegration Task Force/Coalition, provide professional development for correctional staff, advocate for parole reform and prison decongestion, and promote a "Second Chance Act" to reduce systemic barriers.

Peer Mentor & Professional Development Coach
Sago Palm Re-Entry Center - Florida Department of Corrections (2022 – Present)

- Facilitate a 12-week peer mentoring program three times annually, covering key reentry and personal development topics such as reentry planning, forgiveness and healing, nurturing relationships, effective communication, mindset and behavior, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, employment planning, etiquette, and stress management.
- Tutor participants in a self-study course to prepare for the written portion of the Class-A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam, supporting career readiness and economic mobility.
- Lead sessions on self-awareness and purpose-driven transformation, encouraging participants to reflect on their legacy and rewrite their life story (i.e. create new positive chapters to their lives) through intentional action.

On The Inside Empowerment Workshop Tour
Correctional Facilities Across the United States (2023 & 2025)

- *On The Inside Empowerment Workshop Tour* visits correctional institutions nationwide (in-person and virtually) to equip incarcerated individuals with the knowledge and guidance needed for successful reentry.
- The workshops equip men and women with life skills and more, while the tour brings hope and a message of change to those the system has forgotten.
- Most recently conducted a workshop on *Unlocking Potential Through Peer Mentorship* with participants located inside the Kentucky Department of Corrections; Lee Adjustment Center (Beattyville, Kentucky).

Panelist, FAU Criminal Justice Summer Camp 2025
Florida Atlantic University (Main Campus) Summer 2025

- Shared insights on rehabilitation, reentry, and second chances, highlighting the power of lived experience and community partnerships in creating change.
- The week-long day camp was offered to high school students who want to become future justice-seekers. The camp was filled with up-close opportunities to see the criminal justice system in action and was open to students entering 9th through 12th grade in fall 2025.
- This event was a collaboration between Florida Atlantic University (College of Social Work and Criminal Justice) and The GEO Group Inc.

Organizer, Host, and Participant, "Criminal Justice & Inequalities in the Global Development Agenda"
Offsite Event - United Nations Summit of the Future 2024

- Organized and hosted an off-site international event focused on the intersections of criminal justice reform and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Event featured keynote speakers and panel discussion experts exploring SDG 16 (peace, justice, and strong institutions) and its alignment with SDG 1 (ending poverty), SDG 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), and SDG 10 (reduced inequalities).
- Highlighted the need to address systemic inequalities in criminal justice systems to ensure marginalized populations are not left behind in the global development agenda.

Graduate, Leading with Conviction (LwC 2024)
JustLeadershipUSA (JLUSA)

- Selected as a member of the Leading with Conviction 2024 cohort, a year-long leadership program for directly impacted individuals driving systemic change in the criminal justice system.
- Participated in JLUSA's mission to decarcerate the United States by empowering and educating communities most affected by systemic barriers to spearhead meaningful policy reform.
- Engaged with leaders and advocates to address key issues in criminal justice reform, focusing on elevating the voices of justice-impacted people in policy-making and advocacy efforts.

Graduate & Mentor, Prison-to-Professionals (P2P) Scholar Program
Cohort 28 (2023)

- Completed the Prison-to-Professionals (P2P) Scholar Program, dedicated to supporting individuals with criminal convictions in pursuing professional and personal growth.
- Actively engaged in advocacy, mentoring, and policy change efforts to positively impact the lives of justice-impacted individuals.
- Served as a mentor to guide others through the process of overcoming barriers created by criminal convictions, focusing on empowerment and successful reintegration into society.

Participant, Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshops 2023
Palm Beach County, FL

- Contributed to Palm Beach County's Sequential Intercept Mapping workshops aimed at identifying service gaps within the criminal justice system for individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.
- Collaborated with local stakeholders to enhance the delivery of appropriate services to justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs.
- Worked to optimize the use of local resources and opportunities, helping to design solutions that improve outcomes for justice-impacted populations and address systemic service delivery challenges.

Participant, Lifted Lived Experience Across Criminal Justice Settings (Federal Initiative)
SAMHSA (2023)

- Selected to participate in a national SAMHSA initiative advancing compassion, innovation, and recovery across court, corrections, and reentry systems.
- Served as a panelist, sharing lived experience to inform policy and practice.
- Contributed to the initiative's final report by providing recommendations to improve criminal justice and reentry outcomes.

Community Mediator
Just Mediation Pittsburgh (2023 – 2025)

- Served as a remote community mediator for Just Mediation Pittsburgh, a nonprofit organization focused on resolving housing disputes between landlords and tenants to prevent homelessness.

- Worked in collaboration with the Allegheny County Housing Authority to facilitate dispute resolution and maintain stable housing for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Assisted in mediating conflicts and finding mutually beneficial solutions that help keep tenants housed and landlords' properties maintained, contributing to the prevention of homelessness in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Advisory Board Member
Young Men of Distinction (2019-2020)
- Provided strategic guidance on organizational growth and programs.
- Advised leadership on policies, partnerships, and community engagement.
- Supported youth leadership and mentorship initiatives.
- Promoted the organization's mission and assisted with outreach.

Guest Speaker / Lecturer
Various Colleges, Universities, and Community Institutions Nationwide (2017 – Present)
- Delivered engaging lectures and facilitated discussions for students majoring in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, and related disciplines.
- Presented on diverse topics including Criminal Justice Ethics, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Report Writing, Social Movements in Criminal Justice, Social Research, Civics, and Prisoner Reentry.
- Served as a guest speaker at high schools, alternative education programs, and community-based events, addressing youth and community members on justice reform, civic engagement, and social responsibility.
- Provided real-world insight into systemic issues and inspired students to pursue impactful careers in justice-related fields.

Pro Se Litigation in Propria Persona
State Courts of Florida and Federal Courts of the United States (1992 – 2022)
- Conducted 30+ years of rigorous research across criminal, civil-criminal, and quasi-judicial domains to support complex litigation.
- Drafted and filed sophisticated pleadings and motions across all tiers of the judiciary, including Florida State Courts, Federal Appellate Courts, and the United States Supreme Court.
- Learned and expertly navigated complex court rules, jurisdictional requirements, and filing deadlines within both state and federal legal systems.
- Provided critical research guidance as a law clerk trainee, interpreting statutes and case law to safeguard due process and strengthen legal filings.

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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Karen D. Hansen
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CITY: Highland Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33487
PHONE #: 954.415.0564
EMAIL: karen@thecollectiveprojects.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: ID Collaborative | The Collective Projects
OCCUPATION: Interior Design| Advocate|Public Speaker
ADDRESS: 2060 NW Boca Raton Blvd., Suite 5
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SIGNATURE: Karen D. Hansen PRINTED NAME: Karen D. Hansen DATE: 10.13.26

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

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO

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Honesty - Integrity - Character

PALM BEACH COUNTY
CODE OF ETHICS
TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Legal Name: Karen D. Hansen (Please print clearly)

Employee Identification Number: _____

Agency/Municipality: _____ Dept/Board: CJC

By signing this acknowledgement, I am attesting that I have done the following:

[✓] Read the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics Ordinance (Ctrl+Click to follow link)

AND

Have completed additional training by viewing one of the following:

[ ] The Code of Ethics Training Program on the Intranet/Internet. (Ctrl+Click to follow link)

[✓] The Code of Ethics Training Program on YouTube. (Ctrl+Click to follow link)

[ ] A live presentation given on _____, 20___.

I understand that I am responsible for understanding and abiding by the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as I conduct my assigned duties during my term of employment. I also understand that the information in this policy is subject to change. Policy changes will be communicated to me by my supervisor or through official notices.

Karen D. Hansen
(Legal Signature)

10.19.2026
(Date)

***Officials and Employees**: Submit signed forms according to your agency's policy*
***Advisory Board Members:** Submit signed forms to Appropriate Advisory Board Representative*

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO APPROPRIATE PARTY AS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE
PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Karen Hansen is a multidisciplinary entrepreneur, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interior Design from Florida State University. She has been a successful entrepreneur since 2001 and holds seven US Patents in product design.
https://www.indesignstudio.net/our-story [indesignstudio.net]

Based on the intimate details of her life experiences, in 2016, she began her journey as an **advocate for victims and survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence**.

She has shared her personal story as a guest speaker at:

- **Florida Atlantic University** (Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine- alongside PBC Victims' Services and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
  Special Investigations Division: Human Exploitation And Trafficking Unit/ HEAT)
- **Florida State University** (Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship)
- **University of Miami** (Walk a Mile in Her Shoes)
- **Child Rescue Coalition** (Fundraising Gala)
- **Law Enforcement** (PBC training, including the State Attorney and FBI)
- **PBC Victims' Services**

Additional Points of Interest:

- Member of the **RAINN** (Rape Abuse & Incest National Network) Speakers Bureau
- Involved in victims' rights legislation in Florida (**Serena's Law**)
- Involved in initiatives at the **White House** (It's on Us Campaign- to end sexual assault on college campuses)
- Champion for the **United Nations (UNiTE Campaign-** to end violence against women)
- Advocacy efforts have been featured in **Entrepreneur Magazine, CBS, PBC Channel 20**, and the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**
  https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicaffairs/Pages/Local_Programs.aspx?videoid=Ch20/InView/2024/20240117-InView-Human-Trafficking-Awareness
- Panel moderator at the **YWCA** (Palm Beach State College- discussing the misconceptions of domestic violence**)**

Her latest ongoing project is her most personal endeavor yet- **a raw, thought-provoking autobiography**, which is the result of her internal strength, unwavering vulnerability, and years of deep healing.
https://thecollectiveprojects.com [thecollectiveprojects.com]

Karen has made it her life's goal to leave the world a better place than she found it. Whether her task focuses on legislation, speaking engagements, or passion-filled writing, the goal remains the same... **to educate, bring about awareness, and create change** through an unapologetic, bold stance on advocacy, empathy, and courage.



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Attachment 1

BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

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

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)

X Advisory ____ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Criminal Justice Commission

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: X AT-LARGE ____ DISTRICT # ____
X REAPPOINTMENT ____ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: 1/01/2027 START DATE 12/31/2029 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS

SEAT #: 35

SEAT REQUIREMENT: At-Large Community Member

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ____ YES X 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) Vanessa Klein
ADDRESS: 1341 Piazza Pitti
CITY: Boynton Bch STATE: Fl ZIP: ____
PHONE #: 561-401-5763
EMAIL: vklein@thelordsplace.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: The Lords Place Reentry Services Program
OCCUPATION: Director of Reentry Services
ADDRESS: 2808 N Australian Blvd
CITY: WPB STATE: Fl ZIP: 33407

MAILING PREFERENCE: ____ RESIDENCE X BUSINESS

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: *(choose one from each group)*

GROUP #1		***GROUP #2***			
____	MALE	____	AFRICAN-AMERICAN	____	HISPANIC-AMERICAN
X	FEMALE	____	ASIAN-AMERICAN	____	NATIVE-AMERICAN
		X	CAUCASIAN		

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY: X 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:
PBC 2019-2021 various nonviolent drug related offenses including one felony conviction of Poss of Opiates. All cases have long been disposed.
Have DCF Clearance, been in recovery for 20 years, been working in social services in PBC for 15 yrs

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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? X YES _____ NO

If YES, please list: PBC Reentry Alliance

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: X COMPLETED DATE: 6/18/26

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: Vanessa Klein Signed by: Vanessa Klein 90D5AEBB74F2451... PRINTED NAME: Vanessa Klein DATE: 6/29/26

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.

VANESSA E. KLEIN, LMHC-QS

Director of Re-entry Services | Clinical Leader | Behavioral Health & Reentry Professional

West Palm Beach, Florida

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced behavioral health and reentry-services professional with more than a decade of progressive leadership experience supporting individuals and families facing housing instability, behavioral health challenges, and involvement with the criminal justice system. Proven career progression from direct case management in permanent supportive housing to youth and adult reentry services, clinical supervision, and director-level leadership.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Reentry Services & Community Reintegration
- Behavioral Health Services
- Clinical Supervision
- Program Leadership & Administration
- Case Management
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Youth & Adult Reentry
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Staff Development & Supervision
- Community Partnerships
- Criminal Justice Services
- Grant-Funded Programs
- Service Coordination
- Client Advocacy
- Program Development
- Stakeholder Engagement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE LORD'S PLACE — West Palm Beach, FL
Director of Re-entry Services
2021 – Present

- Provide leadership and oversight for reentry services supporting individuals transitioning from incarceration back into the community.
- Oversee reentry programs, staff, service delivery, and program operations.
- Supervise and support staff providing case management and reentry services.
- Coordinate partnerships with criminal justice agencies, behavioral health providers, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders.
- Support programs operating through federal, state, county, and other grant-funded initiatives.
- Address barriers to successful community reintegration, including housing, employment, behavioral health, and access to community resources.
- Apply trauma-informed and person-centered approaches to reentry service delivery.
- Participate in Palm Beach County criminal justice and reentry initiatives and contribute professional expertise to community planning and collaboration.

GULFSTREAM GOODWILL INDUSTRIES — WEST PALM BEACH
2013 – 2021

Progressed through increasingly responsible positions in permanent supportive housing, youth reentry, adult reentry, clinical supervision, and reentry program leadership.

Clinical Supervisor / Adult Re-entry Services
2019 – 2021

- Provided clinical supervision and leadership to staff delivering adult reentry services.
- Supported staff in addressing complex behavioral health, social-service, and reentry needs.
- Guided service planning and coordinated comprehensive support for individuals returning to the community.
- Collaborated with community and criminal justice partners to promote successful reentry.
- Supported trauma-informed and client-centered service delivery.

Case Manager — Adult Re-entry Services
2019

- Provided case management and reentry services to adults transitioning from incarceration to the community.
- Conducted assessments and developed individualized service plans.
- Connected clients with behavioral health, housing, employment, and community resources.
- Advocated for clients and coordinated services among multiple providers.
- Supported clients in establishing stability and achieving individualized reentry goals.

Case Manager — Youth Re-entry Services
2018 – 2019

- Provided case management and reentry services to youth involved with the criminal justice system.
- Developed individualized plans addressing education, employment, behavioral health, and community support.
- Coordinated services with community providers and other professionals.
- Helped youth develop resources and skills necessary for successful community reintegration.

Case Manager — Permanent Supportive Housing
September 2013 – May 2018

- Provided comprehensive case management to residents in permanent supportive housing.
- Assisted clients with housing stability, benefits, behavioral health services, employment, and community resources.
- Developed individualized service plans and monitored progress toward client-centered goals.
- Advocated for clients and coordinated services with community agencies.
- Built supportive relationships with individuals experiencing complex housing, behavioral health, and social-service needs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE
Reentry & Criminal Justice: Community Reintegration • Returning Citizens • Youth Reentry • Adult Reentry • Criminal Justice Collaboration
Behavioral Health: Mental Health Services • Clinical Supervision • Trauma-Informed Care • Client-Centered Services
Leadership: Program Administration • Staff Supervision • Program Development • Community Partnerships • Service Coordination
Housing & Support Services: Permanent Supportive Housing • Housing Stability • Case Management • Community Resources

Attachment 2

DIVISION 5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION[1]

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 Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police.
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. Representative of Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police.
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

[1]Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 88-16, adopted Aug. 16, 1988, effective Aug. 29, 1988, amended this Code by adding provisions designated by the editor as ch. 2, art. V, div. 5, §§ 2-216—2-221.

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.*

1. 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 31st 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 § 24(b), Art. 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 (b)(1) and (2) 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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

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 person may call a meeting or a meeting may be called upon the written request of three 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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

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; Ord. No. 2026-011, § 1, 6-9-26)

Palm Beach County
Criminal Justice Commission
Improving Justice Outcomes

Criminal Justice Commission Membership List

Attachment 3

Seat #	Name	Agency
1	Joel G. Flores*	Member, PBC Board of County Commissioners
2	Ric Bradshaw**	Sheriff, PBC
3	Alexcia Cox**	State Attorney,15th Circuit
4	Daniel Eisinger***	Public Defender,15th Circuit
5	Shannon Ramsey-Chessman **	Clerk of Courts & Comptroller Ad Interim
6	Glenn Kelley***	Chief Judge, 15th Circuit
7	Kathleen Kroll**	Juvenile Administrative Judge
8	Erica Whitfield*	Member , PBC School Board
9	Jervonte Edmonds	Member, PBC Legislative Delegation
10	Lawrence Gordon	Member, League of Cities
11	Gregory Starling**	Mgr., Dept. Juvenile Justice 15th Circuit
12	Michael Coleman***	Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
13	Antonio Araujo**	WPB Chief of Police
14	Derek Gibson**	Circuit Admin., Dept. of Corrections
15	Demetrios Thomas**	Supervisory Agent FDLE - PBC
16	Sean Brammer	Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
17	Adam McMichael**	Managing Assistant U.S. Attorney- PBC
18	Nellie King	Member, PBC Criminal Defense Lawyers
19	Deeawn Roundtree	Black Chamber of Commerce
20	Jorge Garrido*	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
21	Gerald Richman	Economic Council
22	Michelle Suskauer*	Economic Council
23	Gina Fraga	Economic Council
24	Julia Dattolo	Economic Council
25	Heather DeStefano	Economic Council
26	Sheri Resnick	Economic Council
27	Darcy Davis	Economic Council
28	Cyrus Toufanian	Economic Council
29	Maria Antuña*	Economic Council
30	Jerry C. Leakey	Economic Council
31	Cesar Daniel Arbolaez	Local Clergy
32	Oswald Newbold	Returning Citizen
33	Karen Hansen*	Crime Survivor
34	Mark Dorestin	Youth (17-22)
35	Vanessa Klein*	At-Large Community Member

*- denotes Executive Committee Member

**- denotes F.S.S. Chapter 119 Exemption