




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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**TO:** The Honorable Chairman and  
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:**  Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board Amendment

**DATE:** February 3, 2017

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Based on the discussion at the February 2, 2017 joint meeting of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) local bill adopted by the delegation, staff has drafted a revised amendment. The local bill as passed by the delegation updated the names of the appointing organizations and added a contractor to represent the remodeling industry.

The following are proposed changes to the local bill:

- Adding a designee of the County Administrator to the PCCLB.
- Restoring the requirement that the nominating organizations submit a list of names.
- Establishing the BCC as the appointing body.
- Reinstating term limits for the members of the PCCLB, as existed in the original special act.

These changes will ensure a smooth appointment process, provide increased accountability for the PCCLB and ensure responsiveness to the BCC, the Public and the contracting community.

Staff will place this item on your Board agenda for next Tuesday.

Attachment: Proposed Local Bill Amendment Draft

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Pinellas County Construction  
 3           Licensing Board; amending ch. 75-489, Laws of Florida,  
 4           as amended; revising composition of the board;  
 5           providing an effective date.

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

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 9           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 12, of part  
 10          II of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, are amended  
 11          to read:

12                                   PART II

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 14          Section 12. Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board;  
 15          organization; meetings, and powers.—

16          (1) The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is  
 17          created, within the county of Pinellas, consisting of twenty-  
 18          three (23) ~~twenty-one (21)~~ members, two (2) of whom are primarily  
 19          engaged in business as general contractors; two (2) of whom are  
 20          primarily engaged in business as building contractors, two (2)  
 21          of whom are primarily engaged in business as residential  
 22          contractors, one (1) who is a remodeling contractor, one (1) who  
 23          is the County Administrator's designee one (1) who is a Florida  
 24          registered architect doing business in Pinellas County, one (1)  
 25          who is an electrical contractor, one (1) who is a plumbing

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26 contractor, one (1) who is a mechanical contractor, one (1) who  
 27 is a roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) who is a  
 28 swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, two (2)  
 29 fire marshals, and the three (3) building Directors of the  
 30 following: City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater and County  
 31 of Pinellas, one (1) North county building director from one of  
 32 the following municipalities: Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar,  
 33 Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or Largo, one (1)  
 34 South county building director from one of the following  
 35 municipalities: South Pasadena, Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth  
 36 City, or Pinellas Park, one (1) Beach Community building  
 37 director from one of the following: the Town of Belleair Beach,  
 38 the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the  
 39 City of North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the  
 40 City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town  
 41 of Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, and the City  
 42 of St. Pete Beach, and one (1) consumer member who is a resident  
 43 and citizen of Pinellas County and who is not and never has been  
 44 a member or practitioner of any of the trades or professions  
 45 regulated by the board or a member or practitioner of any  
 46 closely related trade or profession. All members of the board  
 47 with the exception of the building directors of the City of  
 48 Clearwater, City of St. Petersburg, and County of Pinellas and  
 49 the County Administrator's designee shall be residents of

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50 | Pinellas County and appointed by the ~~Chairman-of~~ the Board of  
 51 | County Commissioners.  
 52 |         (3) Members of the board shall be selected as follows:  
 53 | The three (3) building directors of the City of Clearwater, City  
 54 | of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas; one (1) North  
 55 | county building director and one (1) South County building  
 56 | director submitted by the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the  
 57 | International Code Council and Building Officials Association of  
 58 | Florida and appointed selected by the ~~Chairman-of~~ the Board of  
 59 | County Commissioners from the municipalities listed in  
 60 | subsection (1); one (1) Beach Community building director  
 61 | appointed from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by The  
 62 | Barrier Island Government Council; one (1) County  
 63 | Administrator's designee; a Florida Registered Architect  
 64 | appointed from a list of three recommended architects submitted  
 65 | by the AIA Tampa Bay chapter of the American Institute of  
 66 | Architects Florida Central Chapter, St. Petersburg and  
 67 | ~~Clearwater Sections~~; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in  
 68 | the business as general contractors from a list of five (5)  
 69 | submitted by ABC, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. The  
 70 | ~~Association of General Contractors of Mid-Florida, Inc.~~; two (2)  
 71 | of whom are primarily engaged in the business as Building  
 72 | Contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the ~~Contractors~~  
 73 | ~~and Builders Association of Pinellas County Tampa Bay Builders~~  
 74 | Association; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the

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75 business as residential building contractors from a list of five  
 76 (5) submitted by the Tampa Bay Builders Association Contractors  
 77 and Builders Association of Pinellas County; one (1) who is a  
 78 licensed and registered contractor who is primarily engaged in  
 79 the Remodeling Industry submitted by the National Association of  
 80 the Remodeling Industry, Tampa Bay (NARI); one (1) who is an  
 81 electrical contractor ~~submitted~~ from a list of five (5) supplied  
 82 by the Electrical Council of Florida (ECF), Pinellas County  
 83 Chapter; one (1) who is a Plumbing contractor submitted from a  
 84 list of five (5) supplied by the Pinellas Association of  
 85 Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors, Inc.; two (2) of whom  
 86 are fire marshals, who shall be active members of the Pinellas  
 87 County Fire Chiefs' Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshals Association,  
 88 ~~submitted~~ from a list of five (5) supplied nominated by said  
 89 association, one of whom shall serve an initial term of three  
 90 (3) years, with successors to serve for a term of two (2) years  
 91 thereafter; one (1) who is a mechanical contractor or Class A  
 92 air conditioning contractor ~~submitted~~ from a list of (5)  
 93 supplied by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors'  
 94 Association ("RACCA"); one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor  
 95 from a list of five (5) supplied ~~submitted~~ by the West Coast  
 96 Roofing Contractors Association, and one (1) swimming pool,  
 97 aluminum or veneer specialty contractor from a list of five (5)  
 98 supplied ~~submitted~~ by the United Pool and Spa Association or  
 99 Alliance of Florida Contractors ~~appointed~~ selected by the

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100 ~~Chairman of~~ the Board of County Commissioners; one consumer  
 101 member to be appointed by the ~~Chairman of~~ the Board of County  
 102 Commissioners in accordance with paragraph 2(a). Should any of  
 103 the associations or organizations referenced herein change their  
 104 names then this law will recognize the successor association or  
 105 organization. The building director members from the City of  
 106 Clearwater, from the City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County,  
 107 shall be permanent members of the board. All other members shall  
 108 serve two (2) years ~~terms.~~ All members, except those who are  
 109 members by virtue of their employment by a governmental entity,  
 110 shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms; there shall  
 111 be no limit on the number of terms served by a governmental  
 112 employee serving as a function of their employment. The  
 113 following members shall commence their terms in even-numbered  
 114 years: the Florida registered architect, one (1) general  
 115 contractor, one (1) building contractor or, one (1) residential  
 116 building contractor, one (1) electrical contractor, one (1) fire  
 117 marshal, the North county, South county, and Beach Community  
 118 building directors. The following members shall commence their  
 119 terms in odd-numbered years: one (1) general contractor, one (1)  
 120 building contractor, one (1) residential building contractor,  
 121 one (1) remodeling contractor, one (1) County Administrator's  
 122 designee one (1) mechanical contractor, one (1) plumbing  
 123 contractor, one (1) fire marshal, one (1) roofing or sheet metal  
 124 contractor, one (1) swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty

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125 contractor, and one (1) consumer member. As the terms of members  
 126 expire, the ~~Chairman of~~ the Board of County Commissioners of  
 127 Pinellas County shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy for a  
 128 term of two (2) years in the same manner as that membership was  
 129 originally filed. The architect, contractor, electrical,  
 130 plumbing and mechanical members shall be selected from the  
 131 county at large. The board shall elect one of its members to  
 132 serve as chairman and one of its members to serve as vice-  
 133 chairman, for a term ~~to be set by the board of no longer than~~  
 134 two (2) years. A chairman shall serve no more than four (4)  
 135 consecutive years. All terms of office expire on September 30 of  
 136 the last year of the term. Vacancies in the membership occurring  
 137 prior to the end of a member's term for any cause shall be  
 138 filled by appointment in the same manner as that membership was  
 139 originally filled.

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