

# Pinellas Housing Finance Authority

## Ballot

BCC Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Select two (2) eligible applicants from the list below.**

Applicant Name	Reappointment		Date of Initial Appt	Eligible		Comments
	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Joan Atkinson		X		X		Ms. Atkinson has been a Pinellas County resident for 13 years. She serves on the board of the not-for-profit Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center. Ms. Atkinson recently retired from the federal government where her my career centered on affordable housing. When she saw the ad in the Suncoast News she immediately thought this would be an opportunity to use her experience to help the citizens of Pinellas County. Her work experience includes US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, The JBG Companies and District of Columbia Government.
Miguel A. Barvo		X		X		Dr. Barvo has been a Pinellas County resident for 6 years. He is retired and works part time at Home Depot. Dr. Barvo work experience includes Electrical Engineering with Doctorate in Neural Networks. He is retired from Philips Electronics and Hewlett Packard. He is an active member of The Knights of Columbus. And an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and Ministries. As a Catholic his desire is to work with government to providing low-cost housing solutions to underprivileged individuals, families, and elderly. Dr. Barvo has attended multiple FAST meetings which include these as focus for communities, especially in Pinellas County.

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Steven B. Baumann	X		7/18/2023			Mr. Baumann has been a resident of Pinellas County for 36 years. He currently serves as Treasurer/Secretary on the Board of the Housing Finance Authority. He is a retired architect having previously been registered in Florida and numerous other states. Mr. Baumann was employed by Pinellas County for 8 1/2 years in the Housing and Community Development Department. During his employment with the County, he oversaw the implementation of affordable housing projects ranging from home renovations to multifamily developments using federal, state, and local funding sources. Mr. Baumann has extensive knowledge of the affordable housing development processes and has the ability to analyze projects for their feasibility and qualifications for funding. He has also been involved with numerous projects that had been submitted to the HFA for approval. Before his County employment, he worked as an architect on projects which included single family homes, high rise condominiums, hospitality, and other commercial developments.
Mathew C. Bruce		X		X		Mr. Bruce has been a resident of Pinellas County for 14 years. He is a former NYS Tax Assessor (1984-1988). Mr. Bruce was a Co-Owner of a trucking company and a former NYS Vol FF-EMT. He is currently retired.
Michael J. Carroll		X		X		Mr. Carroll has been a resident of Pinellas County for 11 years. He serves as Vice Chairman of the City of Oldsmar Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Carroll is a retired police officer/investigator, Oswego, NY. He previously served as Vice Chairman of the New York Port Authority, Oswego.
Robyn Fiel	X		4/1/20214			Ms. Fiel has been a resident of Pinellas County for 32 years. She currently serves as Assistant Secretary on the Board of the Housing Finance Authority. She previously served as Chairman for several years. Ms. Fiel is a mortgage advisor specializing in affordable housing/down payment assistance loans with Synovus Bank. Ms. Fiel also serves on the Pinellas County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Neighborhood and Housing Advisory Board of Clearwater and the Clearwater Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
Karen F. Kelly		X		X		Ms. Kelly has been a resident of Pinellas County for 7 years. Ms. Kelly is a retired CPA and currently volunteers at a nursing home in St. Petersburg and is familiar with the needs of the elderly. Her prior work experience includes Eisneramper LLP, Macquarie Securities, Arthur Anderson, LLP, Berwin Leighton, and Ernst & Young.
Robert T. Paul		X		X		Mr. Paul has been a resident of Pinellas County for 8 years. He currently serves on the Tarpon Springs Code Enforcement Board and is a Service Officer for the VFW. Mr. Paul is a retired senior Army officer with 30 years' active duty, previous camp/base commander, DoD command Inspector General, graduate command, and general staff college.

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Linda Polacek		X		X		Ms. Polacek has been a resident of Pinellas County for 45 years. She has been in the mortgage and banking business for over 40 years and is currently a mortgage underwriter with NQM Funding.
Paul Raven		X		X		Mr. Raven has been a resident of Pinellas County for 4 years. He currently serves of Vice President of the Condo Association for Eagles Landing II. Mr. Raven graduated with an interdisciplinary studies degree with a focus on public affairs, education, and hospitality from the University of Central Florida. His background in public affairs helped him to understand policy and how it shapes our people's lives. It also helped him understand the tremendous responsibilities in taking on meaningful roles in local government. Mr. Raven currently volunteers with "Men in the Making" which is an organization in the county with a mission on mentoring our youth to be upstanding citizens. Mr. Raven is a financial advisor with a strong economic background. He believes his financial acumen can bring a great deal of assistance to the organization to understand financial benefits and risk management of various projects.
Hayden Rice		X		X		Mr. Rice has been a resident of Pinellas County for 2 years. He is current at student at St. Petersburg College in Public Policy. With over a decade of leadership experience spanning corporate operations, non-profit coordination, and the service industry, he offers a unique dual-lens perspective for the Board. His background as an Operations Manager for a major retailer provided him with the discipline for administrative excellence, while his years in community-facing roles have honed a rare ability to listen to diverse viewpoints and build consensus. As a Public Policy student, he is eager to apply this 'boots-on-the-ground' experience to help create balanced, practical solutions for our county.
Kelly A. Snow		X		X		Ms. Snow has been a resident of Pinellas County for 5 years. She is a licensed Broker in Florida and Maryland and has been in the Real Estate industry for 27 years. She is currently a broker at Better Choice Real Estate. Ms. Snow has extensive knowledge in home construction as well and is currently studying for a Construction license. She has some college in the area of Business Administration, (major) and Sociology (minor). Member of the Suncoast Assn of realtors, Nar Assn of Realtors, MD Assn of Realtors, National Assn of RE brokers, Stellar, Bright MLS, AA CO Assn of realtors. She answered yes to the question "Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid). Her explanation is: Trespassing at 7 Eleven - police were called because I wanted to make a pot of coffee. Police asked me to leave, and I asked to purchase something. They stated I was warned, and they charged me with trespassing.

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Alan L. Swartz		X		X		<p>Mr. Swartz has been a resident of Pinellas County for 56 years. He is Chief Financial Officer for MedSource LLC. He currently serves of Chairman, Board of Trustees, City of Pinellas Park General Employees' Pension Fund. MR. Sartz has an interest in housing and its affordability in Pinellas County. For a number of years, he was a Board Member and an Officer of Contemporary Housing Alternatives of Florida, a 501(c)(3) organization that developed and operated affordable housing in the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County. He was then appointed in 2010 by then Governor Crist, and then reappointed twice by then Governor Scott, to the Board of Commissioners of the Pinellas County Housing Authority. He served as the Board's Vice Chairman from 2011 until leaving the Board in 2022, so he truly believes in the cause of trying to make affordable housing in Pinellas County. Mr. Swartz's civic involvement includes his position on the Board of Trustees of the City of Pinellas Park's General Employees' Pension Board since 1994, including the last 30 as the Board's Chairman. He has been twice appointed by the Pinellas Park City Council to serve on the City's Charter Review Commission, once in 1999 and the second time in 2019, where he was elected by fellow members as the Board's Chairman. Mr. Swartz was selected by Commissioner Peters to the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission as a replacement member for Ricky Butler when he was elected to the Pinellas Park City Council and finished his term on the Commission. Professionally, he is a Certified Public Accountant, duly licensed to practice in Florida, and in addition, he holds the designation Certified Public Pension Trustee as issued by the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association. Mr. Swartz believes the knowledge he has over his professional career allows him to understand the complexities associated with the financial matters of the Housing Finance Agency.</p>

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Nicholas Weston		X		X		Mr. Weston has been a resident of Pinellas County for 6 months. He is currently a Marketing Manager for Making Web LLC. St. Petersburg and Pinellas County have been his home for the last six months, and he has already fallen in love with this community. In this short time, he has seen firsthand how hard so many families work just to keep a roof over their heads. Mr. Weston is applying to serve on the Housing Finance Authority because he believes every resident of Pinellas County deserves safe, affordable housing they can count on. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UCF, and a Juris Master Degree from George Mason University. His education has given him a strong foundation in public policy, budgeting, and responsible stewardship of government resources to reach the people who need them most. Mr. Weston is a communications professional with 10+ years of success in a variety of fields, ranging from government to private education. In his career, he has managed public budgets, such as a \$400,000 quarterly communications budget on Capitol Hill, and successfully led teams in highly regulated environments. In these roles, he developed skills that will directly help him evaluate issues, and improve the bonds and programs that facilitate affordable housing. I have also run local political campaigns where every dollar spent had to be strategic, compliant, and reported in a timely manner. In addition to his career, he is a Florida Guardian ad Litem volunteer, advocating for Pinellas County children whose families often face housing instability, and is active in my church doing hands-on service and community outreach.

**Qualification Requirements:**

The Housing Finance Authority shall be composed of five members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The terms of the members shall be four years each. One member shall be designated by the board as chair. Not less than a majority of the members shall be knowledgeable in one of the following fields: labor, finance, or commerce.