

Suncoast Health Council

Ballot

BCC Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

Commissioner: _____

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Applicant Name	Reappointment		Date of Initial Appt	Eligible		Comments
	Yes	No		Yes	No	
						Provided by Barbara Martinez
Samuel Ali		X		X		Has experience with hospital systems and grants. Would qualify as a consumer.
Antonio H. Bannis		X		X		Minimal experience in the healthcare industry.
Patrick Bengston		X		X		Strong experience as a healthcare provider and additionally as a business owner. Would qualify as a purchaser or provider.
Jacob Knighton		X		X		Strong experience as a healthcare provider.

Qualification Requirements:

The Suncoast Health Council board is comprised of 12 members: seven members are appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, and five members are appointed by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners.

Members must fall within one of three categories – a Health Care Provider, a Health Care Consumer or a Health Care Purchaser.

A Health Care Provider is someone who provides health care services, such as a doctor.

A Health Care Consumer is defined as an individual who is neither a purchaser nor provider, who receives medical care from licensed practitioners, resides in or receives services from a health care facility and who may or may not access public and/or private health insurance coverage. The members of the consumer group shall include a representative number of persons over 60 years of age.

A Health Care Purchaser is defined as an individual licensed to provide health care services to individuals and/or groups, such as insurance executives. A Purchaser may also purchase health care services on behalf of others, provided they don't also provide direct medical care. Examples include human resource managers and business owners purchasing health coverage for employees.

A majority of council members shall consist of Health Care Purchasers and Health Care Consumers.