

## RESOLUTION NO. 11-78

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR ITS CREATION AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS INCLUDING TRANSITION PROVISIONS, TERMS, AND QUALIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR STAFFING; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners advised the County Administrator of their intention of re-establishing a Youth Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "YAC;" and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need to revitalize the YAC; improve membership and attendance; create a format which is more accessible and relevant for today's over-scheduled high school students; and to increase the opportunity for more meaningful input from students to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the general purpose is to give student leaders a voice in Pinellas County government and to give the Board of County Commissioners the benefit of student input. Additionally, students may:

1. Learn about County government and the democratic process;
2. Serve on additional County boards or committees as requested;
3. Develop and implement opportunities for other students to learn about County government;
4. Develop and maintain a network of students from whom the Board of County Commissioners can request input; and
5. Develop and implement at least one community service project supporting a County function.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY THAT:

### SECTION 1. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) Creation and Role. There is hereby created in and for Pinellas County a committee to be known as the "Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee" hereinafter referred to as the "Committee." The Committee's role shall be to provide input and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be open to up to fifteen (15) members in grades 9-12. Students interested in serving on the Committee should submit an application to the County. The Board of County Commissioners will appoint members to serve one-year terms to correspond with the school year. Preference will be given to applicants who have previously participated in the Committee, Committee events, or other County functions. The members of

the Committee are encouraged to include additional students in educational and community service activities.

(c) Removal of Members. By a majority vote, the Committee may request that the Board of County Commissioners remove a member of the Committee who misses more than two consecutive meetings or events without notifying the Committee.

(d) Organizational Issues. At any time after the initial meeting of the Committee, the Committee shall adopt by-laws and may adopt rules of procedure deemed necessary for the conduct of its business.

(e) Expenses and Staff Support. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, is hereby authorized and empowered to pay, from its general funds, such expenses as the Committee may incur in the performance of Committee duties. At his/her discretion, the Director of Parks and Conservation Resources shall provide staffing to assist the Committee in the conduct of its business.

(f) Leadership. The Committee shall elect annually one of its members as chairman, one as vice-chairman, and to any other leadership role as determined by the Committee.

(g) Meetings. The Committee shall meet as needed.

(h) Compliance with Ethics, Sunshine and Public Records Laws. When discussing potential recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, the members of the Committee are subject to the provisions of Part III of Chapter 112, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and all meetings for this purpose will be open to the public pursuant to § 286.011, Florida Statutes, and the public records provision of § 119.07, Florida Statutes.

## SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

In the regular meeting duly assembled on the 6th day of September, 2011, Commissioner Brickfield offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: **Latvala, Morroni, Welch, Bostock, Brickfield, Roche, and Seel.**

NAYS: **None.**

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: **None.**