



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve 15 members to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) under the new legislation, effective July 1, 2018.

### **Background Information:**

Due to action of the State Legislature, effective July 1, 2018, the licensing of contractors will become a responsibility of the County. The Contractor Licensing department will report to the County Administrator.

PCCLB will conduct examinations for contractor certifications, register contractors, enforce licensing laws, hold public hearings for code amendments, supervise insurance coverage for contractors and investigate complaints in the contracting field.

The PCCLB Special Act declared it to be in the public policy of the state that, in order to safeguard the life, health, property and public welfare of the citizens of Pinellas County, the business of construction and home improvement is a matter affecting the public interest and any person desiring to engage in the business as herein defined on a countywide basis, it is necessary to regulate the construction industry in Pinellas County.

The Board consists of 15 members: 8 from various trades, 3 building officials, 1 fire official, 2 consumer representatives, and the Pinellas County building official. Members must be residents of Pinellas County. Terms are 4 years, with no more than 2 consecutive terms. However, individuals may be reappointed after a two-year hiatus. This limitation shall not apply to any of the governmental building official or fire official appointees.

The terms for half of the positions expire on September 30 of even-numbered years, while the remaining half expire September 30 of odd-numbered years. Initially, the positions expiring in odd-numbered years will be appointed to expire on September 30, 2021.

As part of the new legislation, PCCLB shall: a) submit to all local governments in Pinellas County, and make available to the public, a complete report on finances and administrative activities as of the end of each fiscal year; b) be subject to periodic audits permitted by a certified auditor chosen by the BCC; and c) file for each PCCLB board member, who is not otherwise required, an annual disclosure of financial interests, pursuant to Fla. Stat. 112.3145.

The BCC Chairman sent letters to BIG-C, Mayor's Council, and Fire Chief's Association for suggestions for the respective positions. A News Release was posted for the trades and consumer representatives positions.

### **Attachments:**

New Legislation: HB 1137  
Applications

Applicant Worksheet/Ballot